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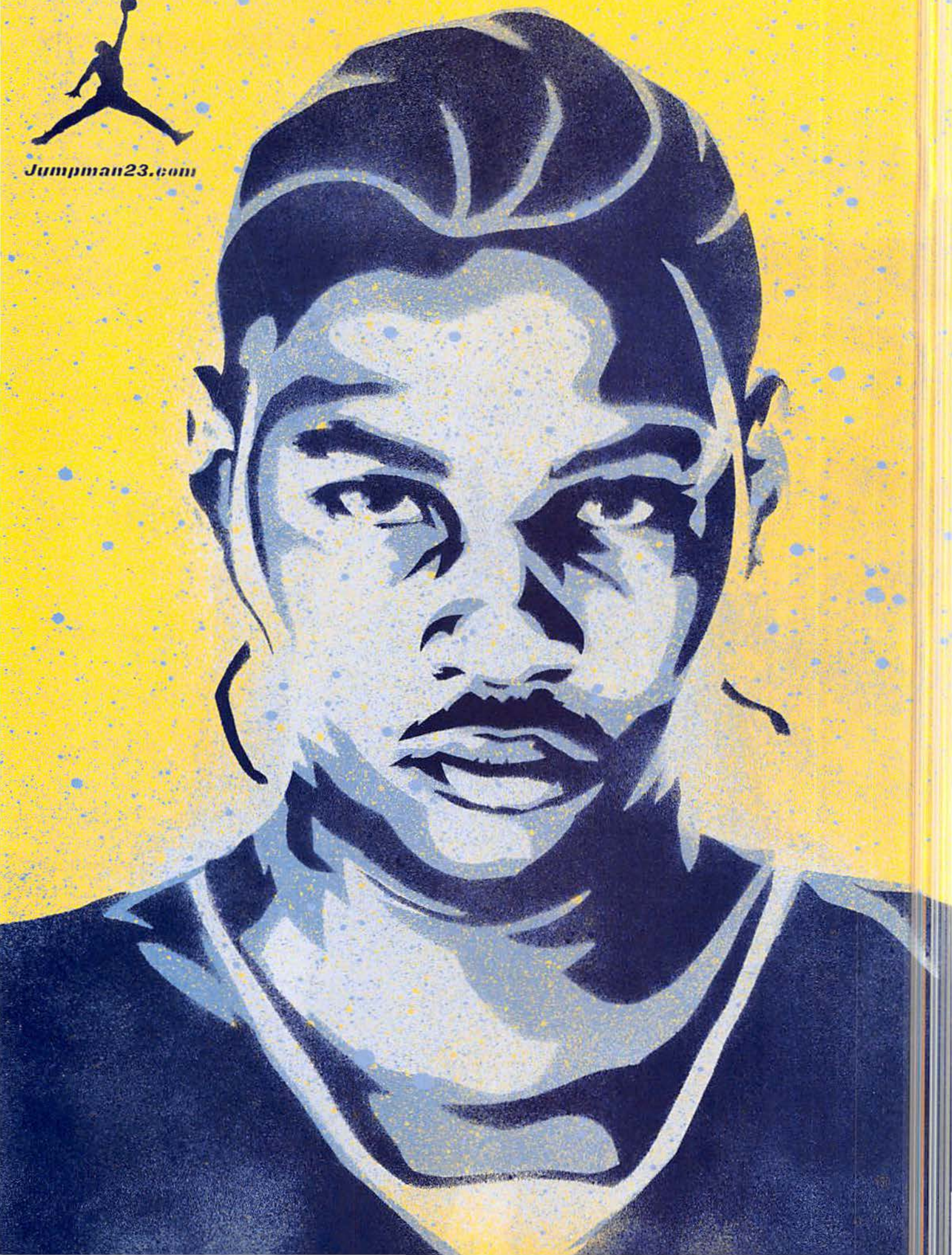
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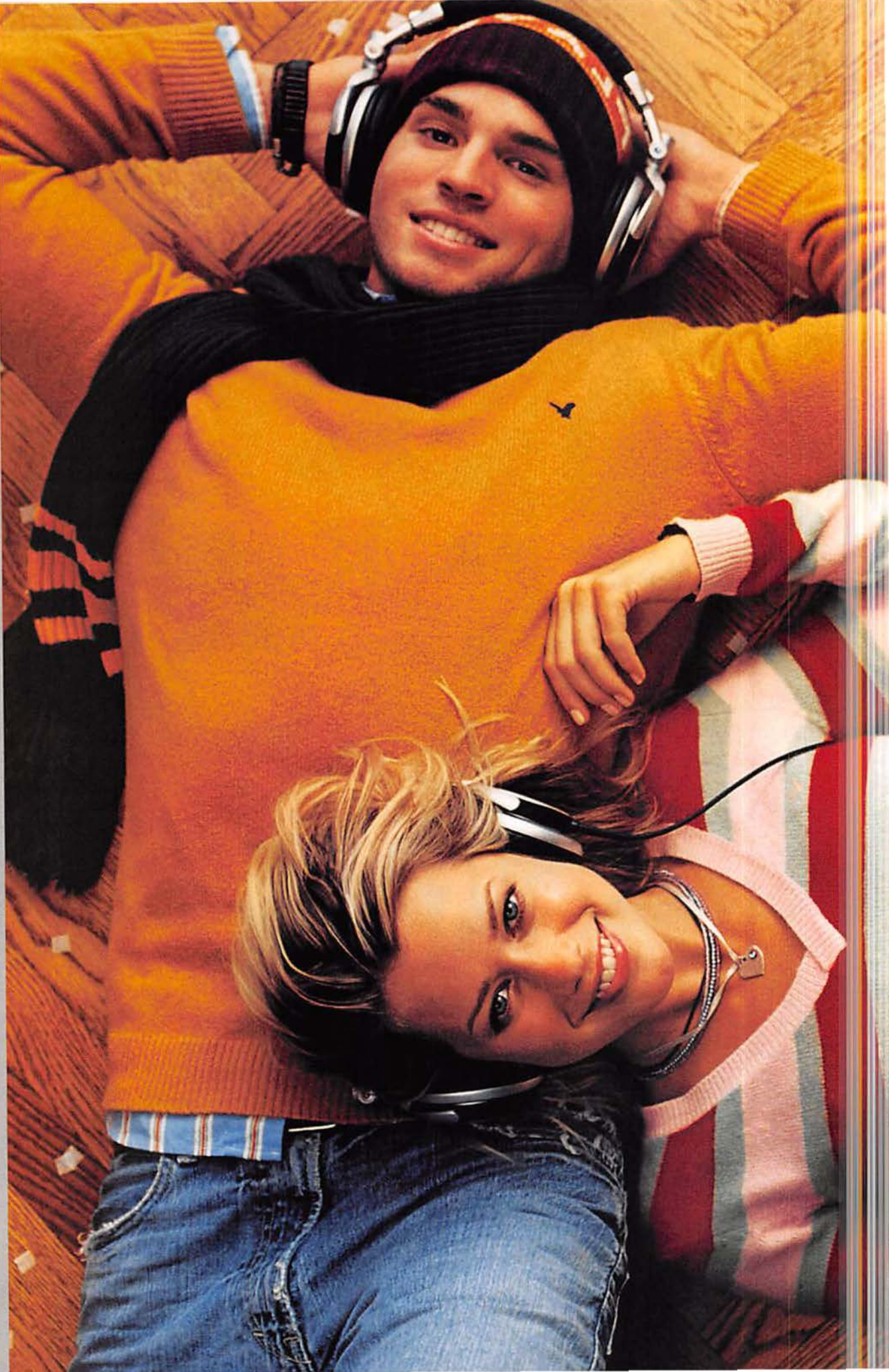


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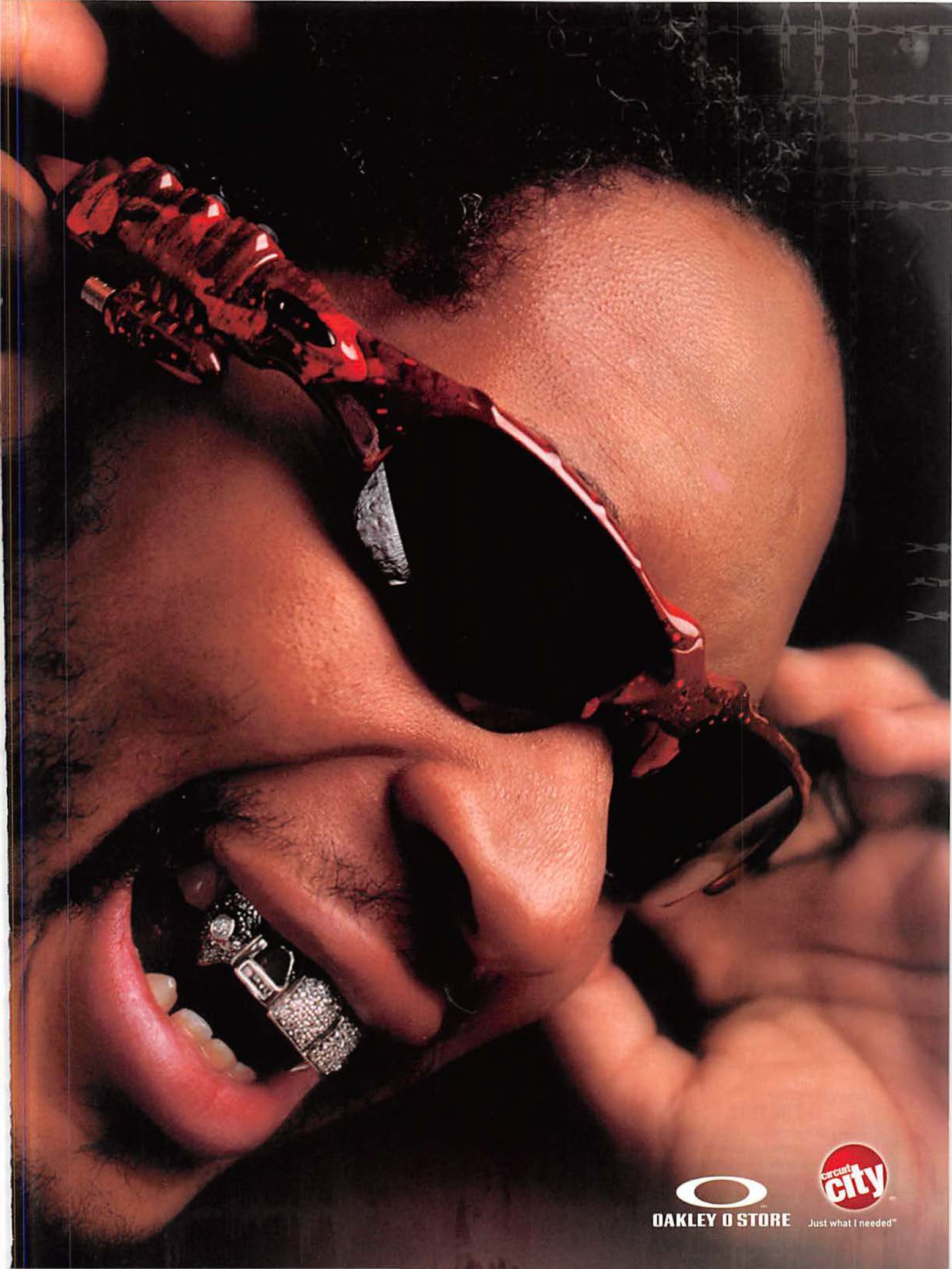
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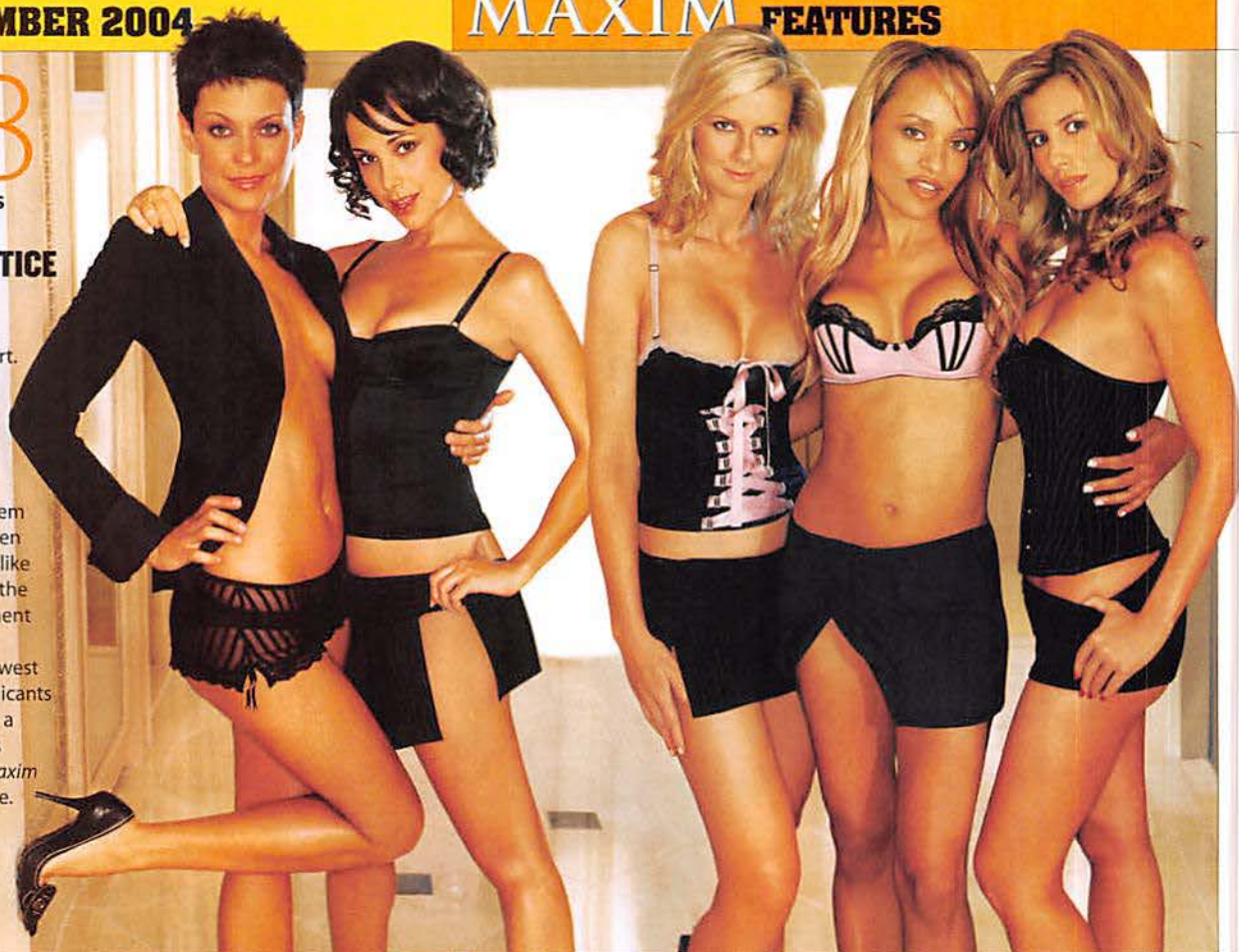


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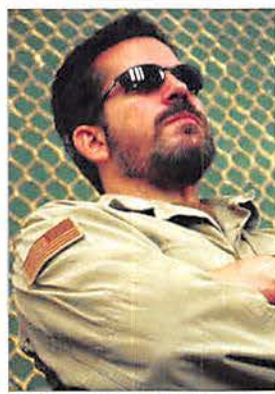
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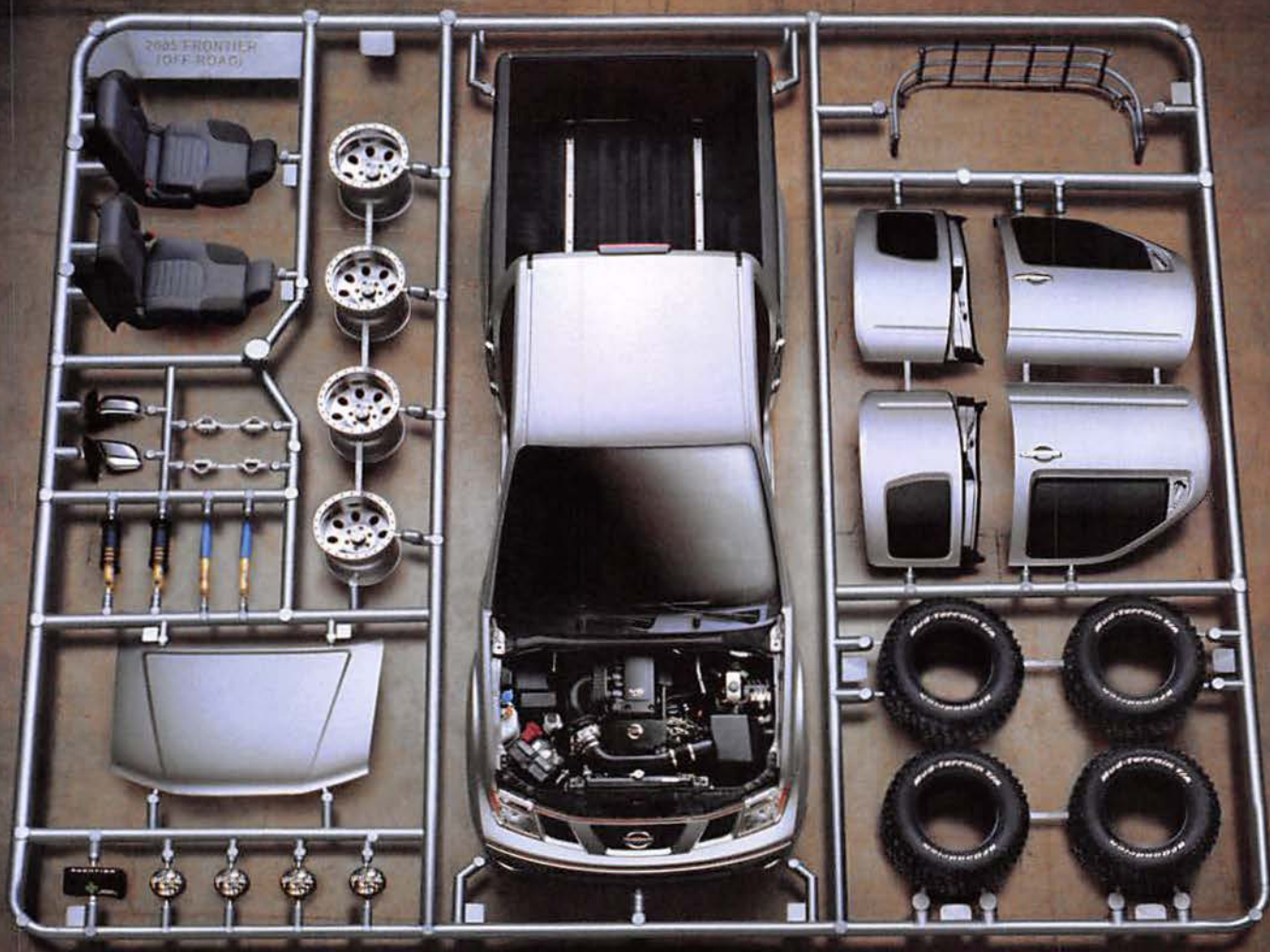
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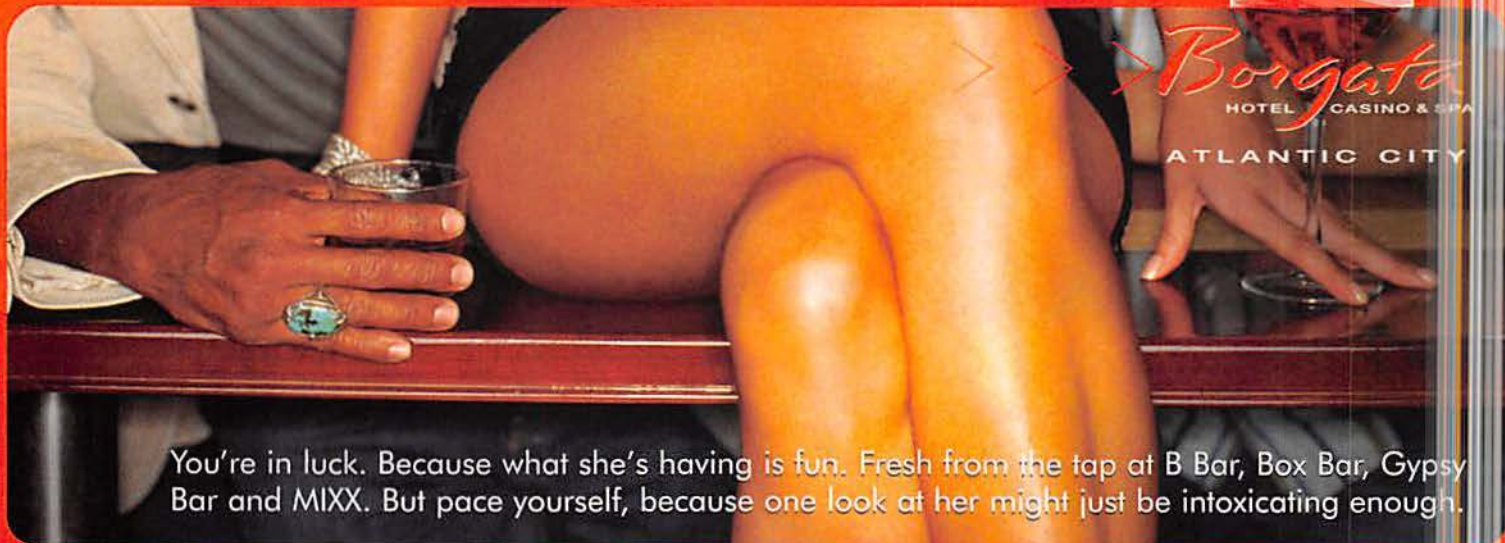
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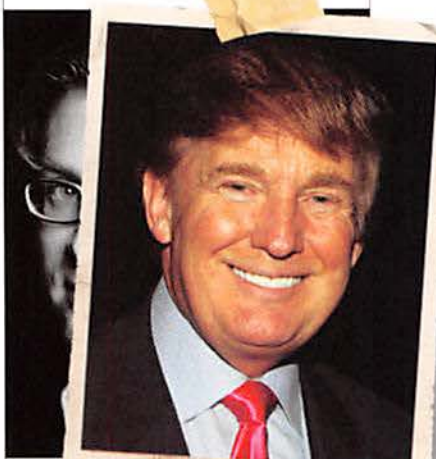
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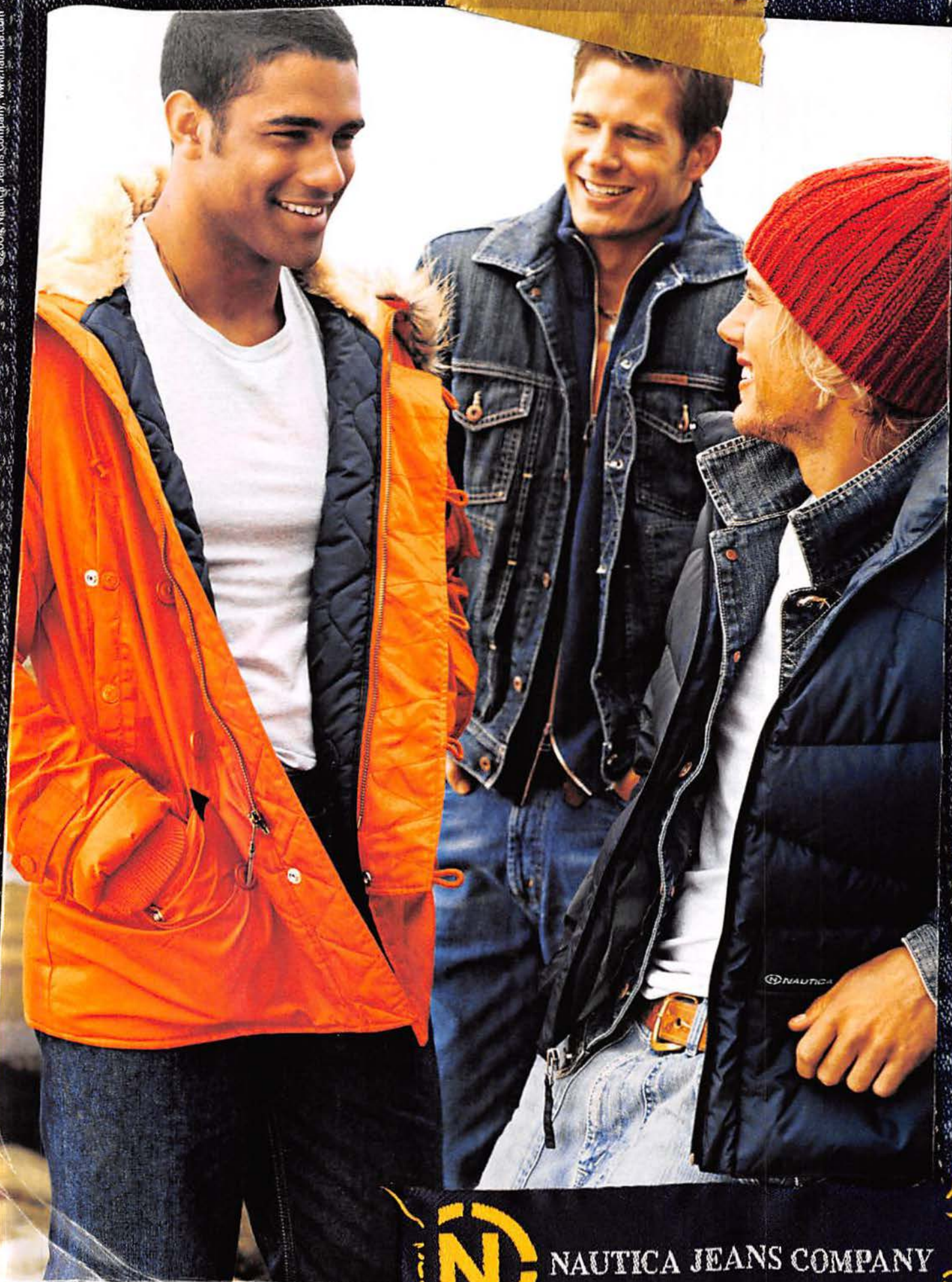
Now that you're properly awed, you're probably saying, "Donald, what are you doing on the Editor's Letter page? You should be constructing your world-class buildings, or resodding your world-class golf courses, or bottling your world-class bottled water." The fact is, I've always been an enterprising guy, and ever since I started my hit show, *The Apprentice* (five of whose top girls I brought with me today—and, yes, that is one for every billion in my net worth), I've broadened my horizons to the world of entertainment. And now that I've conquered the realms of TV, books (*How to Get Rich and Think Like a Billionaire*), and exercise videos (*Tae-bo: The Billionaire Way*), the magazine business is the only kingdom left.

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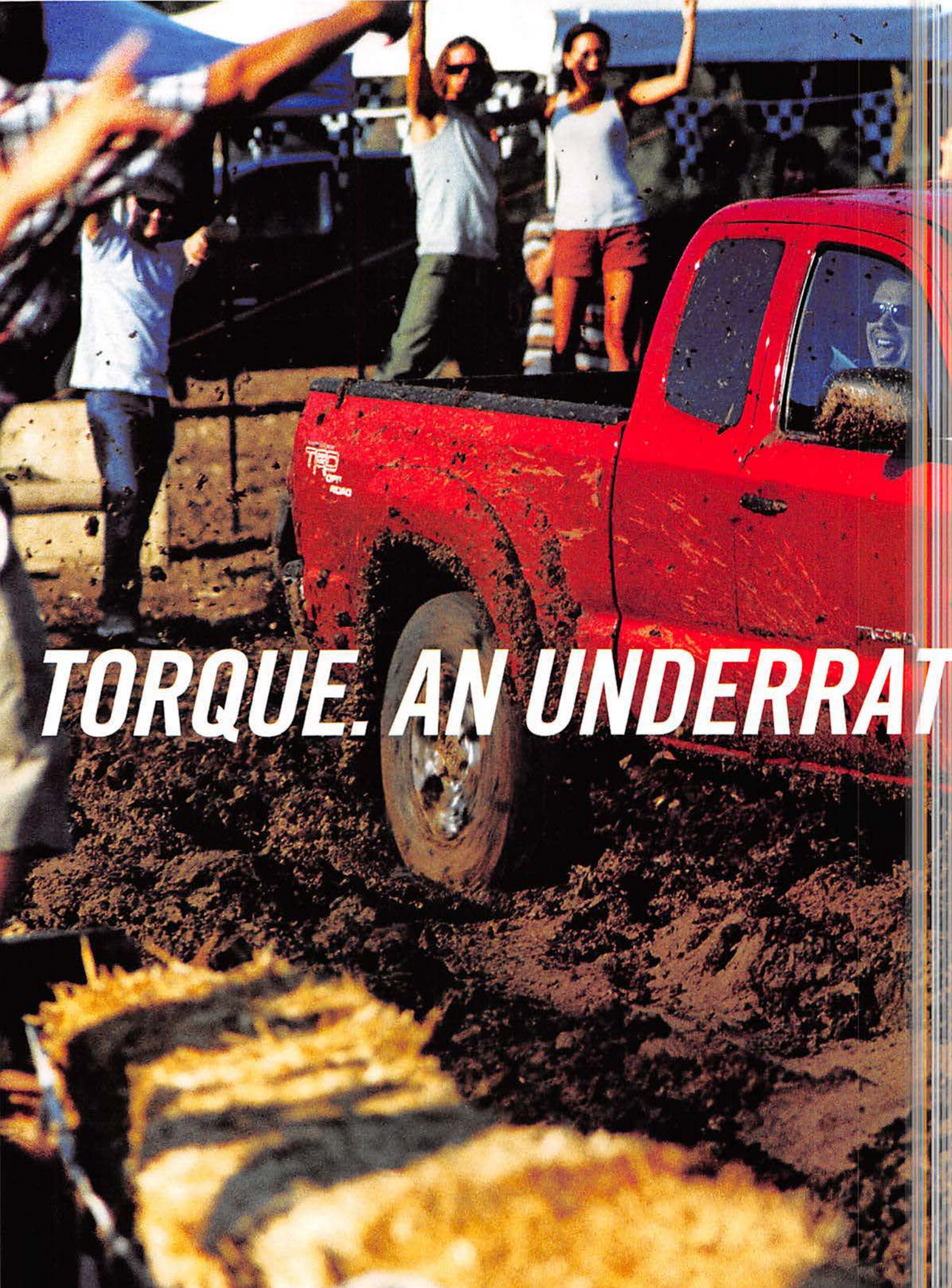
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M.C. Donaldz and O-Face
Long Beach, CA

Word! We're calling Aftermath, Def Jam, and Death Row records. One of them could use a good janitor.

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Under Her Skin

I was so overwhelmed when I saw Avril on the cover of your music issue [October] that I broke into a spontaneous, horrific white-boy jig in front of my mailbox. The worst part is, my elderly neighbor happened to be walking her dog at the time and spotted me. Now she does everything she can to avoid all eye contact and conversation when I see her. Oh, well, it's worth it for Avril. Thanks for the great issue.

Patrick Sherren
Greenville, SC

Avoiding eye contact and conversation are classic signs of a crush. Perhaps your little jig stirred up something long-dormant in those aged loins...

Jarome If You Want To

Since I'm sure I'm one of the only hockey fans who reads *Maxim*, I'd like to thank you for your

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article on Jarome Iginla ["One Goal Short," October]. Hockey players are the toughest athletes of any sport (hear that, football fans?) and also some of the most well-behaved off the ice. It's good to see positive hockey stories outside of sporting publications. P.S. I'm not Canadian.

Jeremy Hynd
Arlington, VA

Thanks for writing, Mr. Not-Canadian (wink, wink). As for hockey players being well-behaved, it's easy to hold doors and pull out chairs when you don't have to waste time doing stuff like brushing your teeth or playing an actual season.

Black-Eyed Plea

I picked up the Avril issue for something to read, but I was more than pleasantly surprised by all the other hot women inside, especially Fergie—she's made my favorite rap band twice as good

musically and a million times better to look at. Those pictures were smoking! Why wasn't she on the cover? Oh, I get it: You must be saving her for next month. I'll buy two copies!

Randy V.
Oakland, CA

We share your love of Fergie. There are definitely more difficult things to look at for hours on end (which is why we've spent all morning looking at more pictures of Fergie). Hey, it's a tough job.

Mismarked for Death

I'm just dropping you a line to let you know that in "The Most Rock'n'Roll Deaths of All Time" [October], the photo you printed of Razzle Dingley (drummer for Hanoi Rocks) was actually Andy McCoy (lead guitar), who is alive and kicking in Finland. Yes, I am a rock geek.

Dawn Russell
Via e-mail

Actually, it was Razzle wearing an Andy McCoy mask, geek. In all seriousness, we tried to verify the identity of the guy in the picture and quickly realized that everyone in that damn band looks exactly the same. We called Razzle to confirm, but unfortunately he hasn't gotten back to us.

Load Trip

I just took a vacation with some of my best friends from college. With a house full of guys and girls, drama was expected. Within two days people were fighting tooth and nail. Who



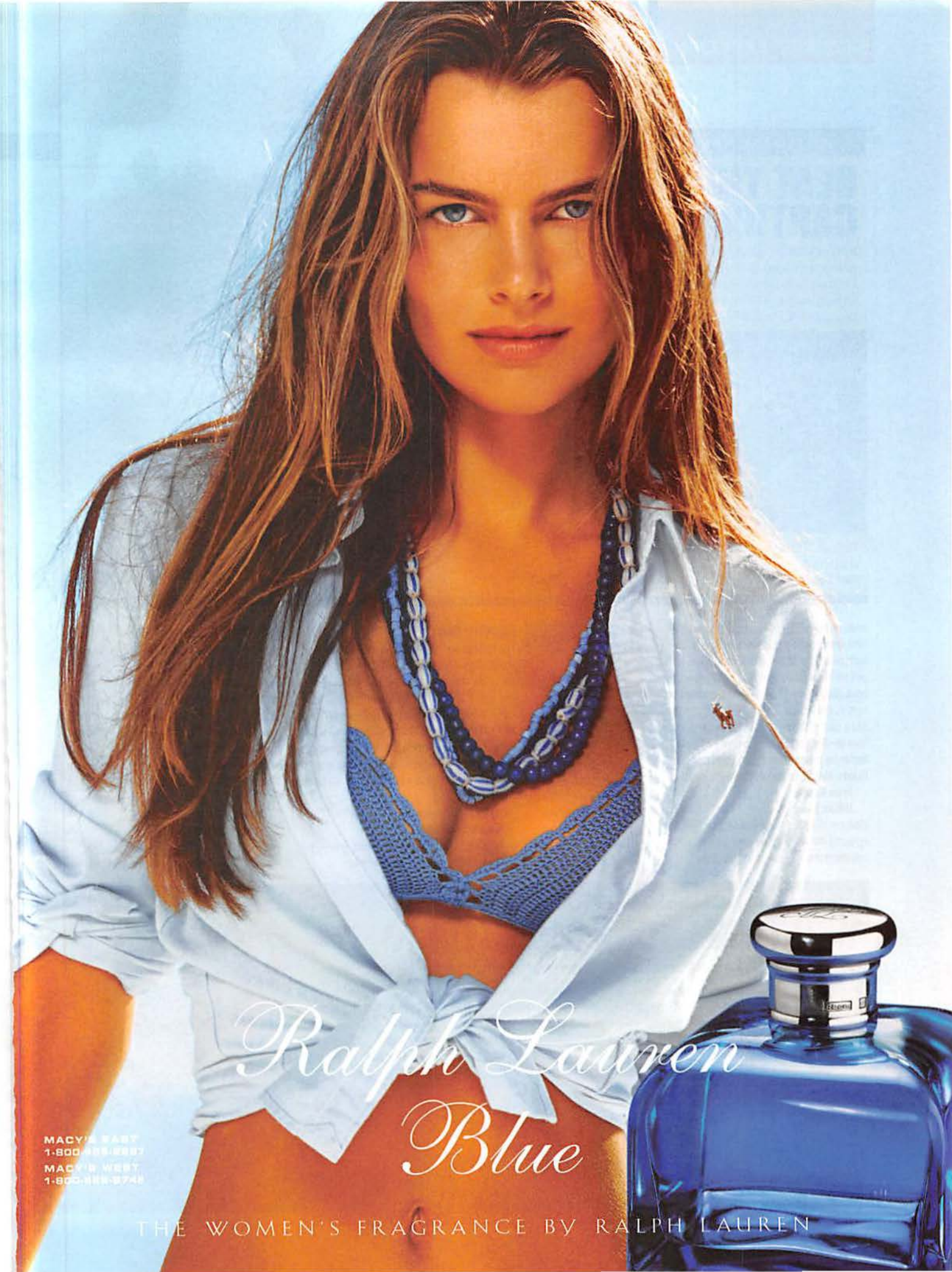
"My shoulder is so hot."



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OCTOBER'S WINNER



Winner: "If I had legs, I'd march right out of this dump."
Paul Malewitz, Culver City, CA



He bought the hairless version for better aerodynamics

could bring guests? Who would drive where? Who would pay for the damage done to the bathroom door after the lock was picked with a golf tee? Even: Who could use the 10-foot beer bong (Bong Kong Phooey)? The trip ended up a boys vs. girls fiasco. Thankfully, one of the guys had a copy of *Maxim*. I was able to sneak away from the fighting, cuddle up under a blanket, and enjoy the sexy photos and great articles. Thanks, *Maxim*, for helping save my vacation.

Jenn Rupp
Hilton Head, SC

Glad you managed to salvage the trip, Jenn. Ironically, the 10-foot beer bong is usually the only thing that makes our trips bearable.

ALERT!



Letters contest rules are on maximonline.com. While you're there, look at pictures of pretty girls. Whee!

Gunday Best

I just picked up the "Rocktober" issue of *Maxim*, and it was totally rad. I especially liked the bit about the shooting range with flamethrowers and stuff ["I Killed That Car Good!"]. I'd love to take a bunch of friends down there one Sunday and just shoot the shit out of everything. Do you know if they have targets that look like people? I can think of a few assholes I'd like to take some shots at. It'd be a great way to relax after a hard week of classes.

Tyler McEldowny
Upper Sandusky, OH

Good luck with your civil service exam, Tyler—we think you'll make a great postal worker.

Grinding Guitars

I loved reading the accounts of skanky women's encounters with rock stars ["Groupies' Guide to Sex," October]. But my friends and I have gone nuts trying to figure out which bands are being talked about. We know there are clues and have figured out some from stories we've heard from friends who've hooked up with rockers. But nobody knows who the guy is who's incontinent and smells like pee. Marilyn Manson? Benji from Good Charlotte? Aaron Carter? I must know!

Jennifer Park
Santa Monica, CA

We got a lot of letters from rock star fans (and rock star girlfriends) dying to know who

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park where we took our girls to be prettied up. Now you can win the very monkey shown here by e-mailing your favorite monkey-related Web site to monkey@maximmag.com. We'll publish a list of the links on maximonline.com and send this simian to the simpleton who sends us the best site. Eep, eep!



Amber (left)



Brittany (left)



Martina (right)



Stacie (right)



Ursula says, "Oh, you naughty, naughty monkey!"

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WATCHES

these caddish cock-rockers were. We've cleared it with our lawyers, and we can now tell you that the man in question was *[redacted]*. Crazy, huh? The best part? He's a hermaphrodite!

Habit Forming

I just wanted to say that your magazine is the bomb. I've become more addicted to this mag than, well, anything. Unfortunately, I'm pretty much broke, so I'm limiting myself to spending maybe \$10 a month. So, thanks to you, I quit smoking so I can still have the money to buy your mag. A month from now I'm going to get a tattoo of your logo. Where should I put it?

Johnny K.

New Jersey

Left eyeball. It'll look awesome. Trust us.

Venetian Blind

Come on, guys! It's pretty sad when a dude from Alaska has to point out to you that the Venetian, which you asked us to find in "So You Think You Know Vegas?" [October], isn't even pictured; it's further to the right than the photo. To be fair, I suspect the botch was due to your desks being overcrowded with pictures of nearly naked hotties. Fly me out to New York and I'll see if I can help get rid of that sweet clutter, and you guys can all get back to work. What do you think?

Glen Wall

Anchorage, AK

We apologize for the error, Glen, and we'd like to send you a gift as a token of our appreciation. Which igloo is yours again?

Simmons Says

I want to thank you guys for interviewing Russell Simmons in your Rocktober issue [We Want Answers!]. I liked reading what he had to say concerning the past, present, and future of hip-hop. I think he's an inspiration for fans not just of rap but of all music.

Gene Snitsky

Parkersburg, WV

Russell Simmons? We thought we were interviewing Richard Simmons! Dammit!

"I Want My Two Dollars!"

My brother and I each sent in \$30 for two-year subscriptions, which cost \$29. I recently realized that we donated an extra two bucks. I hereby insist that you use that money to splurge on a 40 for your best employee.

Evan Christensen

Boise, ID

Thanks for your generosity. We bought a 40 and took it to the house of our best writer, but based on the smell, we're guessing he died a couple of months ago. At least we were equipped to pour a splash out for him before we got plastered.

'Cane Drain

I received your mag two days before Hurricane Jeanne. Since I knew that I would be out of

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Object: Toxic Teddy
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Orlando, FL



power for a couple of days, what could be better than spending time with my favorite mag? Maxim and my flashlight were my best friends during the hurricane. Thanks again.

Carlos Pacheco

Royal Palm Beach, FL

Thanks, Carlos, but we can think of a few things we'd rather spend a few days with: like, say, electricity, or a beautiful woman, or a house. Oh, well—different strokes.

When Cars Fly

In the October issue, you answered the question, "When will we finally have flying cars?" [Ask Anything]. Either you guys are relying too much on your horoscopes, or you have someone working in the CIA, because you answered, "Sadly, not till long after you're dead. We're looking at about eight years..." Did you guys mean to say eighty, or is there a plot to take out all your readers in the next eight years? If the answer's the former, show me the money. If the answer's the latter, cancel my subscription (no offense, of course).

Bill Lewis

Chicago, IL

According to several reliable sources, flying cars should be available in about eight years, Bill. You may have to wait a bit longer to grasp the concept of sarcasm, though.

Spell Heckler

I am a very big fan of your magazine, especially the advanced sense of irony you employ. Take your September issue: On page 98, the caption for the picture of redneck dancers pokes fun at a sign's terrible spelling. Yet only five pages later, your review of the movie *Hero* spells the word "challenged" as "challenged." I find this brilliantly ironic, given that probably one solitary hillbilly checked the sign for errors, but your article passed through the hands of several editors who presumably hold some level of college education in the field of language arts. Man, you guys crack me up. Keep up the good work!

Randy Hall

Jefferson City, MO

Uh, yeah. Thanks for appreciating our...um, irony. Wanna do us a favor? Write to Bill Lewis in Chicago and teach him about sarcasm.

Crosby, Pills, and Gnash

Have you seen Bill Crosby? It bestills my heart. So I must gnash my teeth together for eternity. Me in Woodbury County Iowa (I-O-WAY). I did not take short bus to school, I rode in the van. Elmo raps with Ice T is bling bling. Did the phone just ring? Around the toilet bowl is very smelly.

Travis Chartier

Sioux City, IA

Can't argue with that. M

INMATING RITUALS

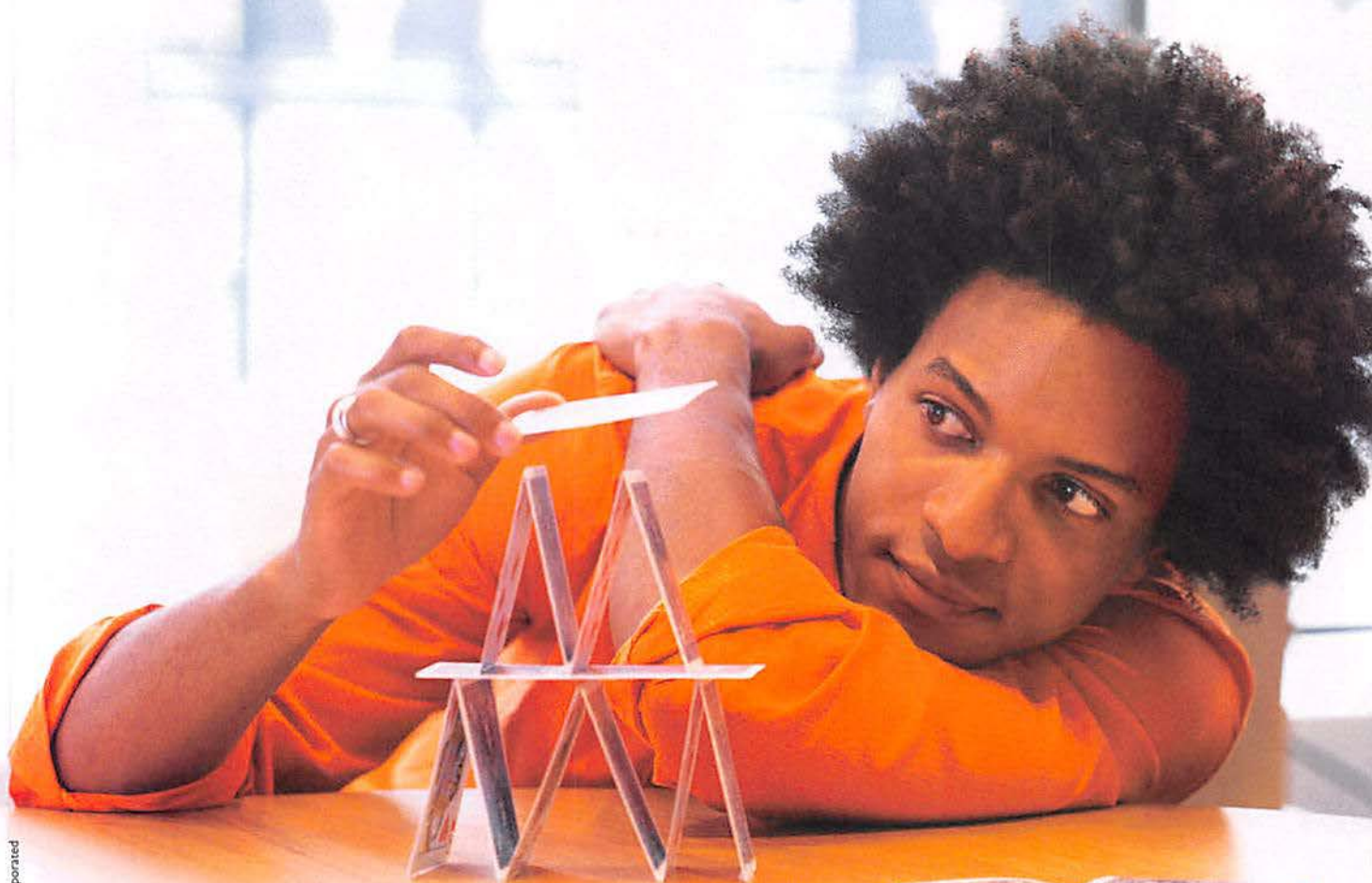
HARD CELL

Over the past years, we at Maxim have received more than our share of letters from prisoners. Some make us laugh, some make us wet our pants in fear, but all of them share a certain heartwarming quality that touches us in our special place. These reports from the warehouses for marginalized Americans have helped us paint a mental picture of what jail is. But even after all that, it took Ivan Aguilar, a resident of California's El Dorado county jail, to show us what jail isn't. "I've sent about four subscriptions for your magazine and have received none," he wrote us. "They're worth money here. I read them, then hawk 'em off in exchange for food." Jail may not be a sandwich, Ivan, but it's nice to know Maxim may at least be worth one.



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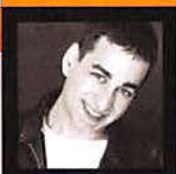
I like girls who are easy. Some girls make you wait before they have sex with you. What's that about? I was on a date with a girl and she said, "I like to wait six months before I have sex with a guy." And I was like, "Wow, I really respect that. So, I guess I'll see you in six months? Do you just e-mail me, or how does that work? Because I want to be sure to block off the date." Girls shouldn't make us wait that long, though. The longer you make us wait, the more pressure there is for us to do a good job. It's easier for girls to have sex. You just have to relax and every now and then be like, "Ow, that's my cervix."

I like small breasts. I know that most women think guys only like big breasts because guys are always like, "I like 'em big. Let's go pee on stuff." But I like small breasts. They're sexy. They have more personality. Small breasts are like, "Hi, can I help you with something?" And you're like, "No, I'm just looking." Big breasts are just like, "We're closing in five minutes." They don't need your business.

Some guys go to strip clubs. I don't like strip clubs. They don't make any sense to me. It's almost like someone puts a hot, juicy turkey in front of you, and all you can do is yell at it. You're like, "Whoa! I bet you go good with gravy!" And then you shove a dollar in its ass.



Stop by Mitch's Web site, mitchfattel.com, and pick up a copy of his new album, *Miniskirts & Muffins*.



He knows how to treat a turkey

Q: How did Pinocchio find out that he was made of wood?
A: His hand caught on fire.



LATE NIGHT

TARGET: ARNOLD

He may not be particularly tactful, but at least the Governor's doing his best to reach out to women.



Tina Fey: "While on vacation, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger saved a swimmer from drowning. No word yet on if he *knew* the swimmer was drowning, or if this was just a groping gone good."



David Letterman: "At the convention, even if you are a delegate, you're going to get frisked, you're going to get patted down, you're going to get groped—and that's just by Arnold."



Conan O'Brien: "Arnold Schwarzenegger announced that he took a voluntary course on sexual harassment. He says it was a waste of time because, quote, 'I already know how to do it.'"

"I'm ready. Release the elves."



THE \$200 JOKE!

Clear and Present Danger

Just before Christmas, Santa Claus gets a surprise visit from the Federal Aviation Administration. The examiner walks slowly around the sled, looking at each of the reindeer harnesses, the runners, and the sled's body. Then he weighs Santa and performs balance calculations to determine the sled's payload.

"OK, everything checks out," he says while stepping into the sleigh. "But you've still got to pass the test flight."

Saint Nick jumps in, then notices that the FAA examiner has a shotgun sitting across his lap.

"What's that for?" gulps Santa.

"Technically, I'm not supposed to tell you this," winks the examiner, "but you're going to lose an engine on takeoff."

—Bob Ward, Kingston, MA

Leap of Faith

A guy is hiking up a mountain when he sees a girl standing at the edge of a cliff, crying.

"Hey," he says, "if you're going to jump, how about giving me a blow job before you do it?"

"My life's been nothing but crap," says the girl. "So I might as well."

After the girl's done, the guy says, "Wow, that was great. Why are you so depressed, anyway?"

The girl replies, "My family disowned me for dressing like a woman."

Promotional Copy

Q: What did the pimp put on his résumé under the heading Job Title?

A: Holesaler.

Fast and Curious

Two 80-year-old women are driving when they come upon an intersection. The light is red, but they drive right through it. The woman in the passenger seat thinks to herself, *I must be losing it. I could swear we just ran a red light.* After a few more minutes, they come to another intersection, and again they run a red light.

The woman in the passenger seat decides to speak up: "Mildred! You just ran two red lights in a row!"

"Oh," says Mildred. "Am I driving?"

Jesus Shaves

A nun feels guilty and goes to confession.

"Father, I seek absolution for my sins," she says. "I never wear panties under my habit."

"That's not so serious, sister," says the priest. "Just say five Hail Marys and five Our Fathers, then do five cartwheels."

Trading Spouses

A woman's husband dies, and she tells the funeral director that she wants him to be buried in a blue suit instead of the black suit he's wearing. The widow hands him a blank check and leaves.

At the wake, she sees her husband wearing a beautiful blue suit and asks how much it cost.

"Not a thing," says the director. "When you left, a corpse wearing a blue suit came in, and he was the same size as your husband. I asked the other widow if she'd be OK having her husband in a black suit, and she said yes."

"That must have been a lot of work to redress two bodies," says the widow.

"Not at all," replies the director. "I just switched the heads."



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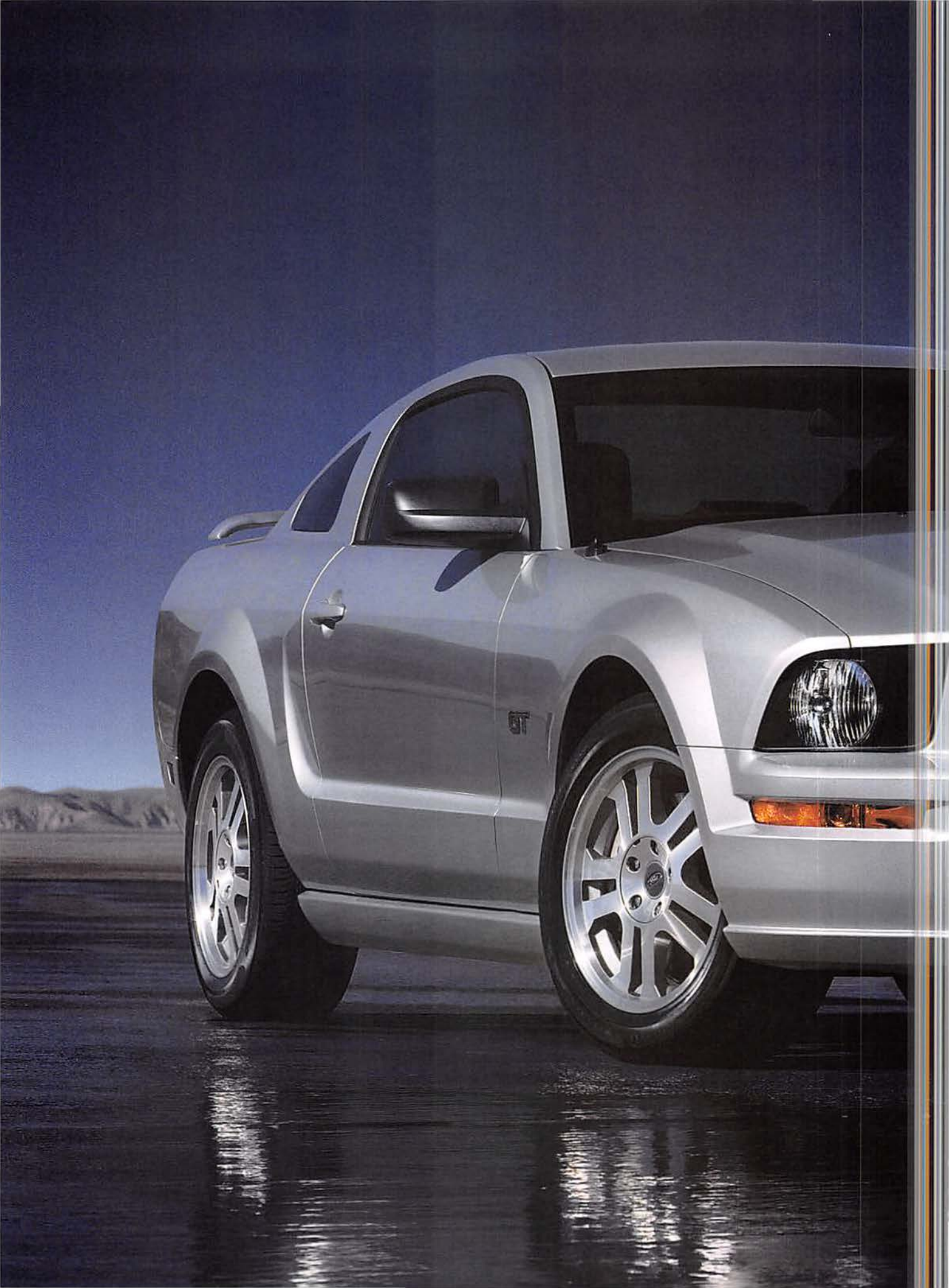
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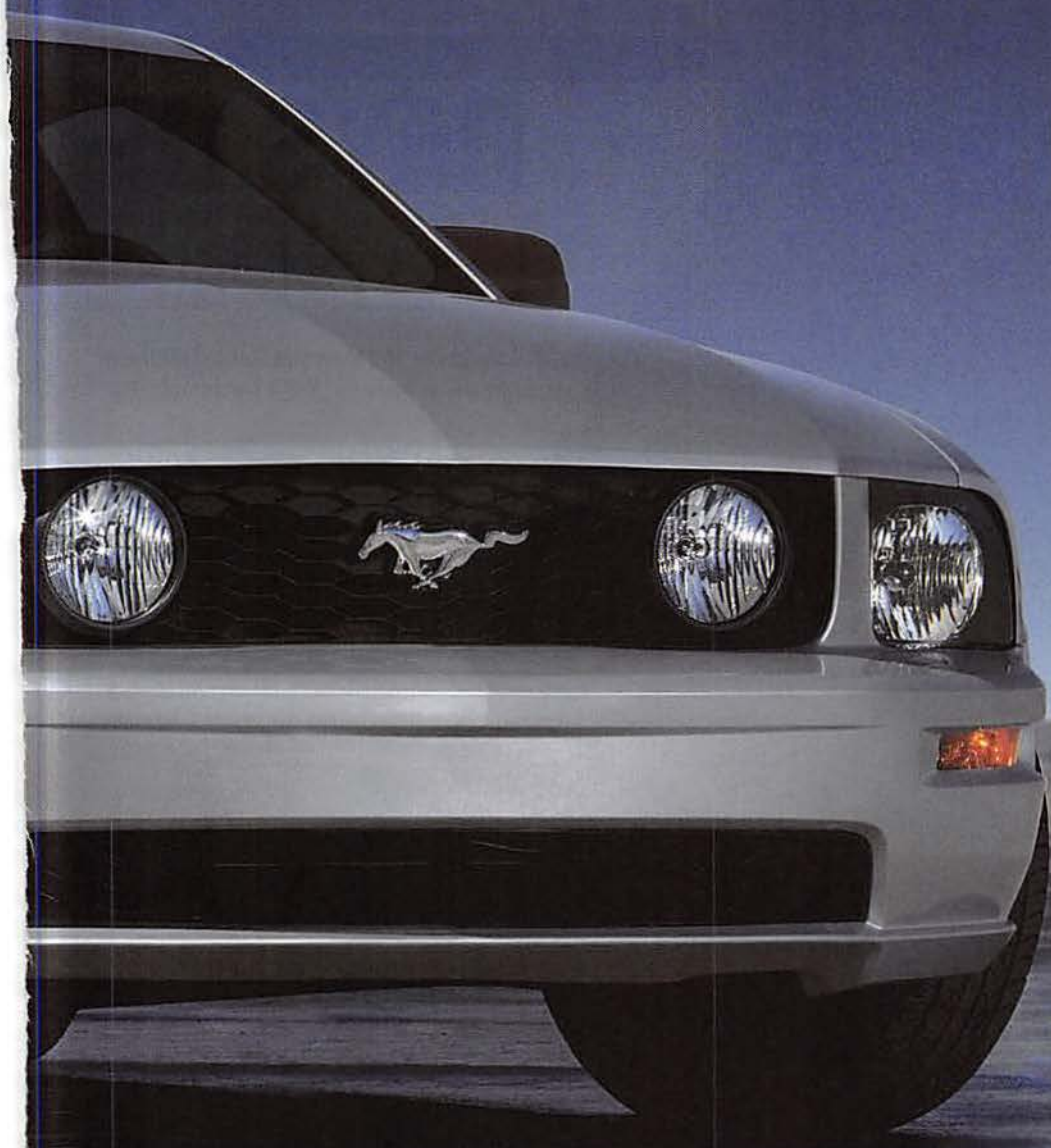
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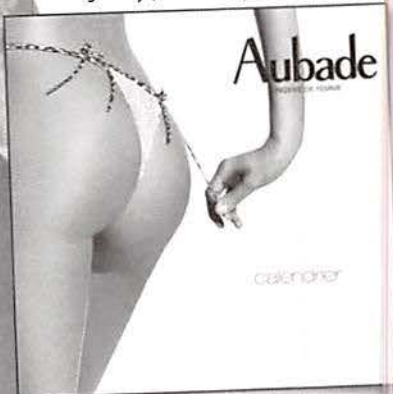
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DAYS OF WONDER

Bag that pic of you and Mickey at Disney World and clear some wall space for 2005's hottest calendar.

There's a lot to look forward to with each new year: a possible raise, the next installment of the Paris Hilton sex vid series, and the latest calendar from French lingerie purveyor Aubade. Since 1998 the maker of luxury underthings has published a classy black-and-white calendar crammed with sexy women that make your Hooters pinups look like an army of Janet Reno clones. The French may suck at war and insist on eating quiche, but they *do* know how to keep a date the right way. (aubade.com)



MAY

Fact: Aubade invented the strapless bra and the G-string.

AXIMUS



JANUARY

Fact: France has street toilets that cost two francs per use.



MARCH

Fact: French fries first appeared in Paris in the 1840s. They were good.



APRIL

Fact: The Eiffel Tower, built in 1889, wasn't intended to be permanent.



JUNE

Fact: The first modern restaurant opened in France in 1765.



JULY

Fact: The French deemed April 1st April Fools' Day in the Middle Ages.



AUGUST

Fact: France's work week is legally limited to 35 hours. Hello, overtime!



SEPTEMBER

Fact: Montreal is the largest French-speaking city after Paris.



OCTOBER

Fact: More than 400 different types of cheese are made in France.



NOVEMBER

Fact: France gets more tourists than any other nation—76.5 million a year.



DECEMBER

Fact: Not all Frenchmen are effeminate, despite studies to the contrary.

> PARTYING PLANNERS

Granny stopping by later? Clean up the joint by swapping Aubade's skinfest for one of these stylin' schedulers, available from browntrout.com.



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▲ RUNNER-UP

In later years Rudolph claimed he needed a little
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—Bob Peterson, Middlefield, CT



▲ RUNNER-UP

"We Wish You a Merry Christmas"

"And this one is just right!" said Goldilocks.

—Nicki Apodaca, Henderson, NV

► RUNNER-UP

Pooh's rides
usually end with
his head stuck in
the honey pot.

—Timothy
McAdams,
Vista, CA



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What else is there to do when you're a third-string tight end standing
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As much as he
enjoyed playing,
Johnny always
dreaded when his
piano teacher said,
"OK, it's time to
tinkle the ivories."
—Travis Long,
Vancouver, Canada

► RUNNER-UP

It doesn't smell very
appetizing, it tastes
absolutely horrible,
and after drinking
it your tongue is
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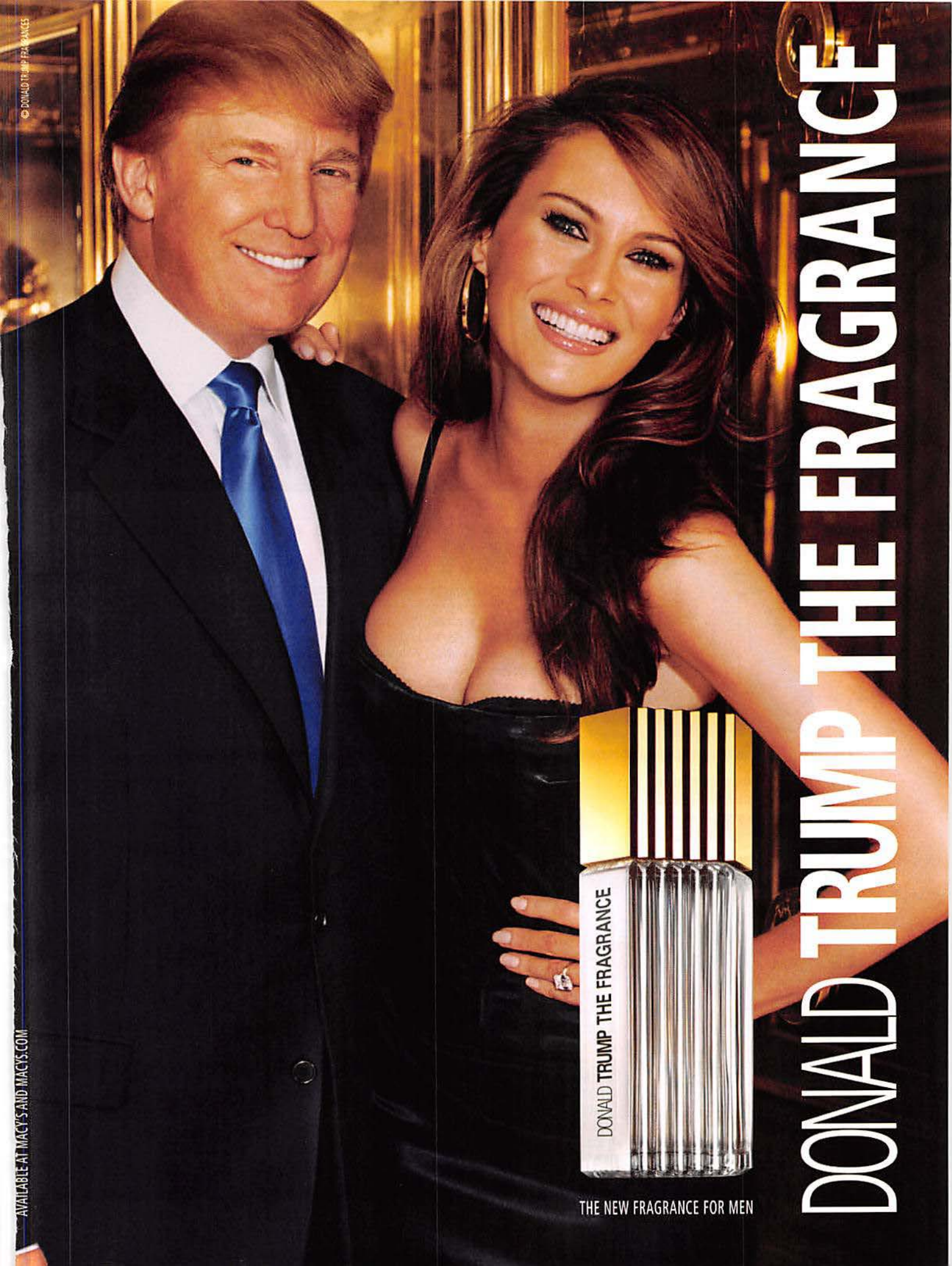
"Keep your pants on, mister. It's an oral thermometer."

Seducing Julie: "Surprise me," she says. "I like a break from my regular routine." Our suggestions: Buy her some nice flowers, then set fire to her entire wardrobe. Bet she won't see that coming!

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> SUPER PRANKS

TIN PAN APARTMENT

Foil: It ain't just for people trying to stop the alien messages.

When Chris Kirk let Lucas Trerice stay in his Olympia, Washington apartment over New Year's, Trerice did what any buddy would: He enlisted an army of folks to encase every inch of the place in aluminum foil. They covered big things (walls), small items (change on the nightstand), and stuff most of us wouldn't have considered (every piece of toilet paper). "Drunk people are

compelled by shiny things," Trerice says. What did it take to do it all? More than \$100 worth of foil and five days of round-the-clock work, totaling nearly 300 man-hours. In fact, the foiling was so extensive, it outlasted the occupant: When Kirk moved he had to find someone who didn't mind foil stuck to the walls. Pranksters everywhere, the gauntlet's been thrown down.



MC Hammer had to downgrade

> GET IT RIGHT

GREAT QUOTES

Kasper's got words for Sam Spade.



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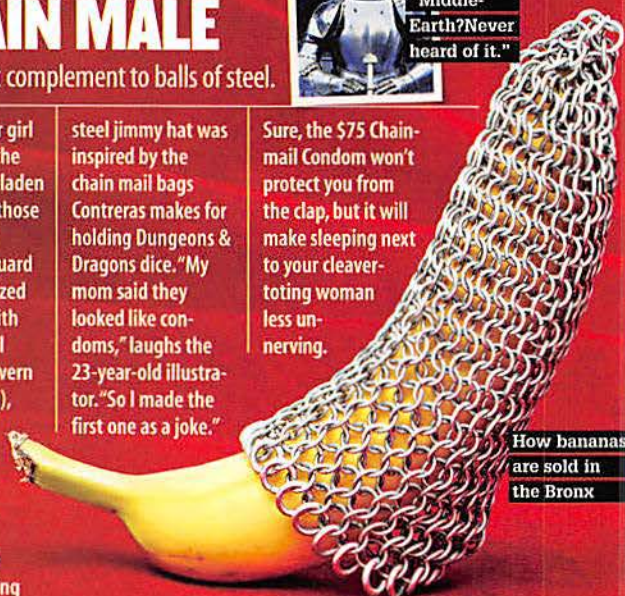


"Middle-Earth? Never heard of it."

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


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If you think Hummers are worthless and weak, the CXT is for you, boss! Produced by the International Truck and Engine Corp., this pickup is built on the same platform used by snowplows and garbage trucks. The result is a 14,500-pound beast that's eight feet wide and 21½ feet long, which makes us wonder: Why? "Businesses see the practicality of this truck," says director of vehicle marketing Rob Swim, noting that it can transport "a load of mulch." More than a load, Rob. With semi-like towing capabilities, the truck can convey 20 tons of it. For buyers not into hauling 40,000 pounds of fertilizer, the CXT's turbocharged 220 hp International DT diesel engine can summon its 540 lb.-ft. of torque to move construction

equipment yet still function surprisingly well cruising through the urban jungle. Swim himself took one on a spin in Los Angeles: "The visibility is extraordinary when you're driving" (as it should be, since the CXT is nine feet high), though he willingly conceded that parallel parking was "a bit of a challenge." With no special license required to operate it, you can have one of the CXTs manufactured in Garland, Texas for \$93,000 (they expect to sell 100 this year), or drop a cool \$115,000 for one with a flat-screen TV, a drop-down DVD, and a host of other luxury features. Best of all, as gas prices hit all-time highs, this baby is a model of fuel efficiency, getting more than seven miles per gallon. Take that, rest of the world!

More leather than
Mick Jagger's closet

> PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

Why wait for a space when
you can make one for yourself?Top off the 70-gallon tank with
some home-based fuel.Late? No matter; you're always
guaranteed the best seat.Cap haters, then make an
exit through that brick wall.

> FUN FACT!

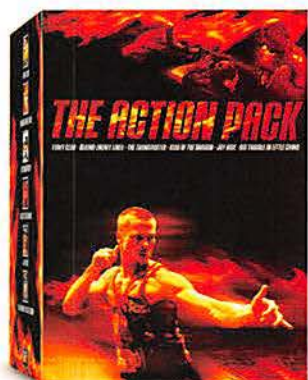
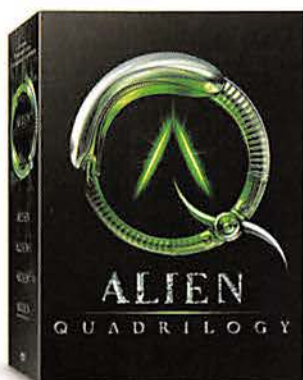
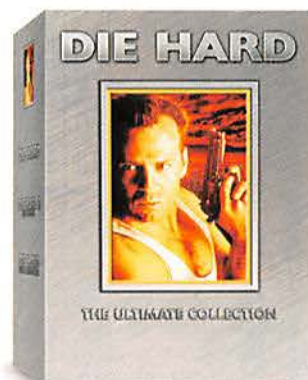
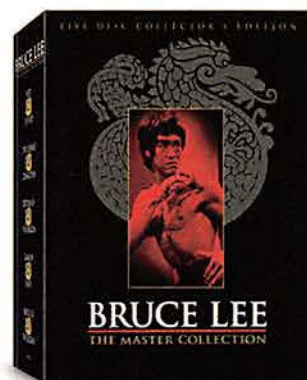
Bob Hawke downed 2.5 pints of beer in 12 seconds in 1954 to set a world record. He then went on to become Australia's prime minister.



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2 oz. grapefruit juice

2 oz. cranberry juice

Combine in a glass over ice.
Stir well.

Pineapple Cosmo

1 1/2 oz. Captain Morgan's
Parrot Bay Pineapple Flavored Rum

1 1/2 oz. cranberry juice

1 squeeze of lime

Combine ingredients in mixing
tin with ice. Shake vigorously.
Strain into martini glass.

Mango Madras

1 1/2 oz. Captain Morgan's
Parrot Bay Mango Flavored Rum

2 oz. cranberry juice

2 oz. orange juice

Shake over ice. Pour into glass.

Captain Morgan's
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> SLEEP THERAPY

PILLOWS FOR HEAD CASES

Why buy one of these glorified beanbags? Because your head deserves something equally freakish to lie on.



Cows still use
thalidomide

REST MILK

For farmers who need the feel of a cow teat in their hand at all times, this \$72 dual-udder pillowcase (supply your own filling) may be the most socially acceptable solution. Plus, the 50-50 cotton-poly blend case is machine washable to prevent "milk" stains from becoming permanent. (titpillows.co.uk)

Zzzzz: People have four to seven dreams a night over the course of one to two hours. Hello, Diane Keaton!



Congrats! It's a
soft, plushy boy!

SMOKE ON THE WATERBED

Spruce up that new walk-in humidor with one of these fine Cubans. Available in four sizes, from the 16-inch-tall Robusto (\$39) to the 48-inch-tall Presidente (\$129), each doe stogy has an embossed label and a softness your "highly qualified" secretary will appreciate. (sofagarden.com)

Zzzzz: The word *dream* stems from the Middle English word *dreem*, which means joy. Nightmare? Whoopi.

BED HEAD

Time to reenact everybody's favorite animal mutilation movie moment with this *Godfather*-inspired plush horse-head pillow. The \$70 warning features a dangling tongue and gaping neck wound complete with sliced-through spine. Send one to your secret Santa at PETA today. (kropserkel.com)

Zzzzz: You spend about six years of your life dreaming—over 2,100 days in another world...not counting drugs.



It's better than
crabs in the bed

SLEEP WITH THE FISHES

Banned from the supermarket after that incident with the bucket of scallops? Get the next best thing with these \$16 silkscreened trout or lobster headrests. They're packaged like store-bought seafood, except instead of becoming tastier when cooked, they just burst into flames. (baronbob.com)

Zzzzz: Studies show that brains are more active while dreaming than when awake...and even less so when baked.

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1. JASON ALEXANDER



2. ROY MOORE



3. PATRICK GRABER



4. CHARLES KUSHNER



5. JESSICA CUTLER



6. OMAROSA M. STALLWORTH



7. RICK SALOMON



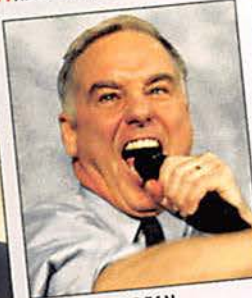
8. BILLY JOEL



9. JASON STOLLSTEIMER



10. MICHAEL SILVESTRI



11. HOWARD DEAN



12. BROCK LESNAR

Oh, how young they looked back then

BONEHEAD CLASS OF '04

They made asses of themselves, then returned to obscurity. We give them a final moment in the spotlight.

1. JASON ALEXANDER

This hillbilly walked Britney Spears down the aisle in a deeply romantic 15-minute Vegas wedding, only to lose her 55 hours later.

After the laughter: He still says the annulment "hurts my feelings" and her new man "looks like a punk."



2. ROY MOORE

Alabama's supreme court chief justice lost his job over a 5,000-pound Ten Commandments monument he displayed in the judicial building.

After the laughter: Moore has emerged as a hero to the extreme right. He'll likely run for governor in 2006. Lucky you, Alabama!

3. PATRICK GRABER

This Swiss national nearly brought the Kobe Bryant case to an early close when he allegedly offered to murder the accuser for \$3 million.

After the laughter: Sentenced to three years after pleading no contest to grand theft.



4. CHARLES KUSHNER

This James McGreevey supporter hired a prostitute to seduce his own brother-in-law and sent the tapes to his sis to punish them for giving evidence against him. Ah, family.

After the laughter: He faces at least 18 months in prison. McGreevey's got problems, too.

5. JESSICA CUTLER

This Senate mail clerk had ongoing sexual relationships with six men (one a married Bush official), documented in a blog that went public.

After the laughter: Cutler was fired, but bounced back by posing nude and got a six-figure book deal, proving sleeping around pays.

6. OMAROSA MANIGAULT-STALLWORTH

The bitchiest former *Apprentice*, she accused a competitor of racism after her firing.

After the laughter: Omarosa launched a 900 number where you can hear her talk about herself, all for the low price of \$3.95 a minute.

7. RICK SALOMON

The poor man's Tommy Lee video-taped himself drilling Paris Hilton, then sued the Hiltons for claiming he took advantage of her.

After the laughter: Salomon sold the video rights to *One Night in Paris*, achieving his goal to "make a ton of money and go surfing."

8. BILLY JOEL

Joel was back in the news after a car crash on April 25 (his third in two years; this time he hit a house).

After the laughter: The Piano Man bucked himself up by marrying a 32-years-younger woman (TV restaurant critic Kate Lee). Well, at least she'll keep him off the road.

9. JASON STOLLSTEIMER

The Von Bondies lead singer got smacked down by White Stripes Jack White, his former mentor. It sucks when a fan of yours kicks your ass.

After the laughter: The Bondies released *Pawn Shoppe Heart* the same day White pleaded guilty to assault and received a \$500 fine.

10. MICHAEL SILVESTRI

He reportedly caved in a fellow firefighter's face with a chair during a wild firehouse New Year's Eve.

After the laughter: Free on bail, Silvestri faces assault charges and plans a defense based on 9/11 posttraumatic stress.



11. HOWARD DEAN

He was a leading candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination until the Iowa concession speech, when a cry of "Yeagh!" killed a \$50 million campaign.

After the laughter: He heads a grass-roots PAC with a staff of 12 (during his run: 600 staffers).

12. BROCK LESNAR

The WWE star turned down \$45 million to give the NFL a try in a \$230,000 rookie deal despite not having played football since high school.

After the laughter: Lesnar was injured in a motorcycle crash right before training camp.



> FUN FACT!

250,000 guys get beaten up by their wives yearly, perhaps vindicating David Gest.

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> WORLD EVENTS

THOSE WACKY FOREIGNERS!

See how other countries are
keeping themselves busy.



BATTY FATHER VISITS BUCKINGHAM

England A guy wearing a Batman costume managed to slip by the toy soldiers guarding Buckingham Palace with the help of a trusty sidekick dressed up as Robin. The Caped Crusader, alter ego Jason Hatch, then climbed onto a ledge and unfurled a protest banner reading SUPER DADS OF FATHERS 4 JUSTICE. Hatch spent the next five hours on his royal perch fighting for better visitation rights for divorced fathers—until police employed a crane to clip his wings.



Did the old
Batman pack heat
in his utility belt?



ALIEN BROADCAST IN DEUTSCHLAND

Germany State-owned broadcaster Deutsche Welle celebrated its 10-year online anniversary by airing shows over the Internet in Klingon—a tongue spoken by the war-mongering aliens on *Star Trek*. The language was one of 31 used by the station in an effort to show its commitment to intergalactic multiculturalism and rabid geekdom.



BOY CAN'T AFFORD UNICYCLE

Slovak Republic A student popped a wheelie for 30 miles from the town of Vradiste to Kopcany. (The world record is 55 miles, held by Kurt Osburn.) Martin Lasak mastered the balancing act after months of riding his bike without a front wheel, as the 21-year-old couldn't afford to replace its punctured tire. Next up: 30 miles, no seat.



OLD MAN HAS GRANDSON FOR DINNER

Zambia Police arrested an elderly man after he was allegedly caught nibbling on human limbs in a graveyard in the town of Luapula. Further investigation revealed that the hungry old coot was feasting on the remains of his grandson, who had died just two months prior—presumably after drowning in a light hollandaise sauce.

> PSYCHE 101

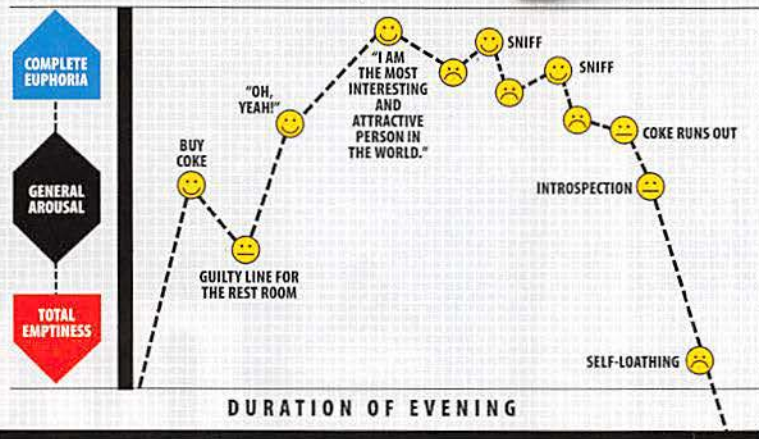
BAD HABIT

Never blown your paycheck on a couple of
eight balls? Here's what you're missing.



> FUN FACT!

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bra with his
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> MAXIM WORLDWIDE

JODI ALBERT

A British TV siren who's hot enough to get away with murder.

As seen in: British *Maxim*, November 2004

Her story: While she plays a loyal, kindhearted lass on the popular British teenage drama *Hollyoaks*—a limey version of that great American angstfest *The O.C.*—the real 21-year-old Jodi Albert reveals a dark youth marred by rodent homicide. "I forgot to feed my pet hamster, and it died," she admits. "My nanny called me a murderer." Luckily, Jodi stopped starving defenseless animals and started killing crowds of prepubescent girls when she joined pop quintet Girl Thing in 1999 at the age of 16. Assembled by *American Idol* judge and professional douchebag Simon Cowell, the pseudo-Spice Girls hit the U.K. top 10 with their ditty "Last Ones Standing." The group broke up a year later, but Jodi escaped a lengthy unemployment stint by landing her current acting gig soon after. We can only hope that Hollywood notices her obvious talents and brings her to the U.S., if only to expand our fantasies of a Lindsey Lohan and Mandy Moore get-together into a full-blown tea party.



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'I forgot to
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and it died.
My nanny
called me a
murderer.'



"Not enough pain?
Nurse, the wax!"

MEDICAL INNOVATION

GOT SPERM?

Find out at home if you have the goods to knock up the old lady.



Aim slightly
above your target

Worried bouncing on Uncle Chester's knee as a child could have you shooting blanks? The Element home fertility test from Pria Diagnostics, due out in 2005, lets you check with a flick of the wrist. Fill the cup with your spooze, then pour it into the \$40 semen studier. "It examines the sperm that go from point A to point B," says Doug Erwin, cofounder of the

California-based company. Once the Element's loaded, it compares your sperm to the World Health Organization's average—20 million wrigglers per milliliter, 50 percent motility. If the readout's arrow points up, you can make magic happen. Pointing down? That's why those hookers never hit you with a paternity suit. (priadiagnostics.com)

POP QUIZ

MATING CALL OF THE WILD

Match the animal to the number of baby worms it pumps out.



a. 350 million/ml

Hint: Legend has it that Catherine the Great died while being mounted by one of these beasts.



b. 125 million/ml

Hint: Once bred to hunt rabbits. However, it does not have a speech impediment.



c. 2,500/ml

Hint: Because of its unholy natural musk, this animal often has trouble finding mates.



d. 155 million/ml

Hint: In 1949 a fella named Albert III got to ride in a rocket 35,000 feet above Earth.



e. 1.2 billion/ml

Hint: Each year about 24,000 of these are killed in Spain between March and October.

MALE RITUALS

A FOOL AND HIS JOCKEYS...

Boozing at Germany's Oktoberfest, like anywhere else, always leads to lost underwear.



"Enjoying yourself? Good. Mind if we forcibly remove your drawers?"



Grizzled veterans, the duo continue despite their victim's drunken protests.



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THINGS YOU'LL WANT TO BLOW

Finally, blowing stuff up is a socially acceptable pastime once more.

Being fall-down drunk just became a lot less painful thanks to Michael Gill, inventor of a mobile, inflatable pub (above) that's big enough for you and 149 nomadic drinking buddies. "It's designed to look like the Rose & Crown Pub in England," explains Gill. "The idea is that the bar is recognizable to any Englishman living abroad who wants to visit his local." A basic version consisting of just the pumped-up edifice costs about \$36,000, while a fully functional bar, with ice-cold suds on tap and standard inflatable pool table and dart set (figure that one out), is available in a franchise deal for roughly \$245,000. Sorry, you'll have to stock it with your own pale, snaggle-toothed pneumatic beer wenches. (inflatablepub.com)

If Montana militiamen ever realize their dream of running the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, it'll likely feature these air-filled fakers by Aerostar International (below right). "The first units we did were true decoys, starting with fake F-16s," says company VP Larry Manderscheid. "Right now everything we do is for the U.S. military." That doesn't mean a balloon-lovin' Joe can't buy one, though. A mere \$45,000 will get you a Scud launcher with a movable "missile" section and components that emit thermal and radar signatures for more realistic mission training. Or drop \$12,000 on a basic tank and, with the help of a few friends and a prairie dog, you'll be set to invade Canada. (aerostar.com/products/decoys.htm)

Damn soccer
hooligans!



No need to earn that corner office in order to surf porn in privacy. Just break out the Office in a Bucket from Inflate (below left) and type "teenage mustard fight" into Google. "You put the plug into the socket and the whole thing self-inflates in about eight minutes," explains Fiona Mackenzie-Jenkin, the British company's marketing manager. Available in 3x4-meter (\$4,000) and 4x5-meter (\$5,000) sizes, they have an open roof design and clip-together walls for private meetings. Plus, they're easy to wipe down. (officeinabucket.co.uk)



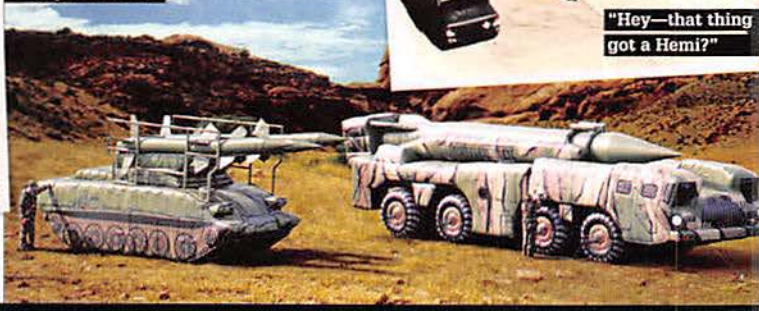
> FUN FACT!

Of the computer viruses spread in the first six months of 2004, 70 percent were created by 18-year-old German Sven Jaschan.



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better seating

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when they hit the
enemy's tack field



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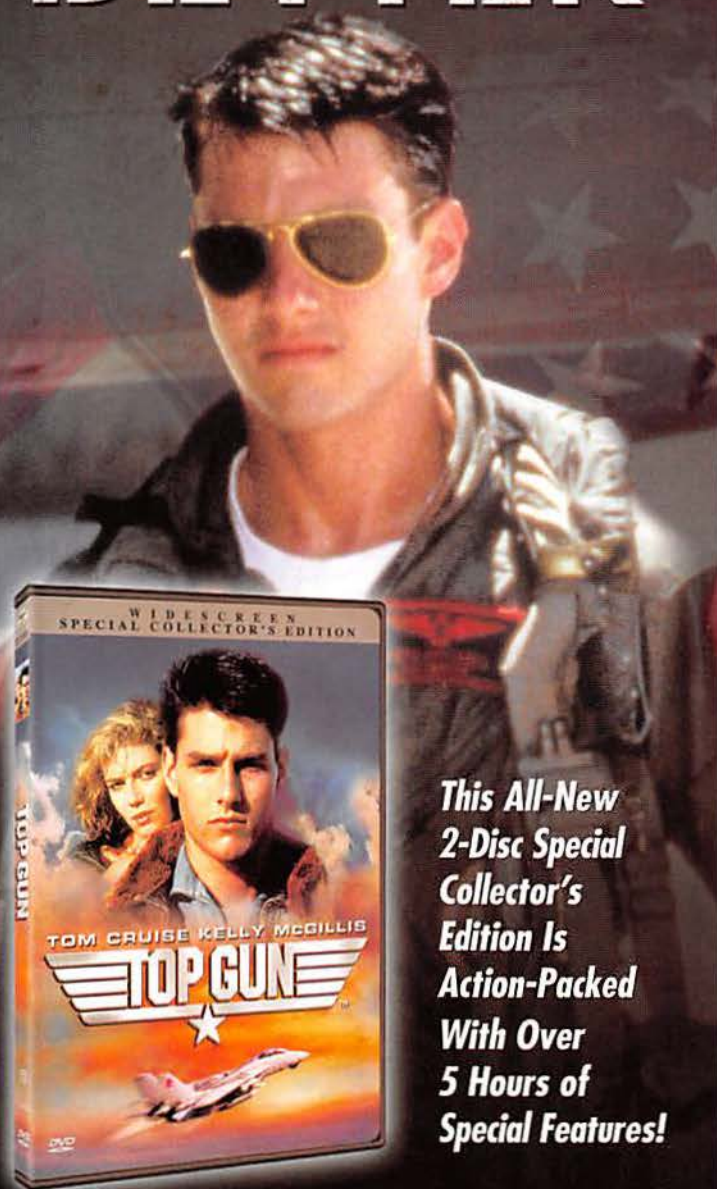
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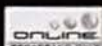
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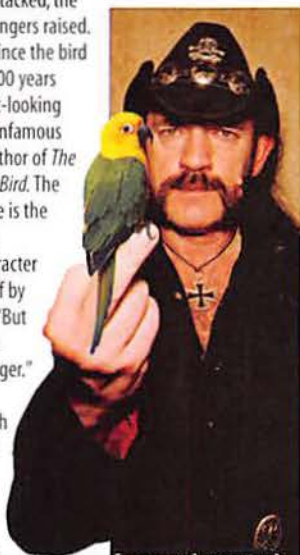
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We answer berating, inflating, wish-you-were-dating questions.

Q: WHERE DID FLIPPING THE BIRD COME FROM?

A: The most popular explanation dates back to medieval times, when French invaders threatened to cut off English villagers' middle fingers at the Battle of Agincourt so they couldn't fire bows. As the Frogs attacked, the Brits greeted them with middle fingers raised. But that story's been debunked, since the bird may have hatched more than 1,000 years before. "Romans called the phallic-looking middle finger *digitus infamis*, or 'infamous finger,'" claims Adam Blank, coauthor of *The Field Guide to the North American Bird*. The earliest record of the digital salute is the Greek play *The Clouds*, written by Aristophanes in 423 B.C. "One character talked about flipping someone off by sticking out a finger," says Blank. "But some translators claim that stage directions didn't specify *which* finger." Other countries have their own signs: Italians flick their chins with their fingers, Brits give the V, and Germans snap out their right arms. But thanks to cultural ambassadors like Eminem, the bird is recognized throughout the world. Now read between the lines.



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**"So, the legends
about *Maxim's* casual
Fridays are true..."**

Q: IS STALKING ILLEGAL?

A: Now it is. Until recently it was not specifically defined as illegal, so victims of fatal attractions could only prosecute under harassment, assault, or domestic violence statutes. But after the high-profile murder of *My Sister Sam* star Rebecca Schaeffer by a stalker in 1989, protective laws were created. "Virtually every jurisdiction enacted antistalking laws by the mid-'90s," says Peter Tilem, a criminal law attorney with

Tilem & Campbell in Larchmont, New York. Under the new statutes, a stalking conviction does not require your dad to *intend* harm with his shadowy actions—his 250-pound obsession only has to *think* there's a possibility of being harmed. And chances are, Pops knows her well, since 59 percent of female victims are stalked by lovers. Sheesh... haven't these guys ever heard about *vouleur-cam* sites?

0: HOW BIG CAN BREASTS GET?

A: Bigger than you can handle, carny-hands. The average mammary is a respectable 36B, but they can grow to mammoth sizes—just ask Annie Hawkins-Turner of Washington, D.C., who sports a set of 48Vs, the world's largest all-natural dirty pillows. Sure, they'd be hours of fun for us, but carrying around such weight strains back muscles, usually resulting in the need for a breast reduction. Of course, for those not so painfully blessed, cosmetic surgery can allow your girlfriend to become the giant-hootered freak



Who doesn't



Who doesn't like fruit?

you've always told her she dreamed of being. "The skin stretches according to whatever is underneath, be it breast tissue or implants," says Lloyd Krieger, M.D., medical director of Rodeo Drive Plastic Surgery. Turning her wee A-size sweater kittens into full-blown triple-F chest tigers means implants have to be staggered over multiple surgeries so as to

slowly stretch the skin (the late Lola Ferrari held the record for most enlargements with her 26-pound, 54G-size gazungas). Otherwise, the implant could bust through like a saline Kool-Aid Man. Oh, yeah!

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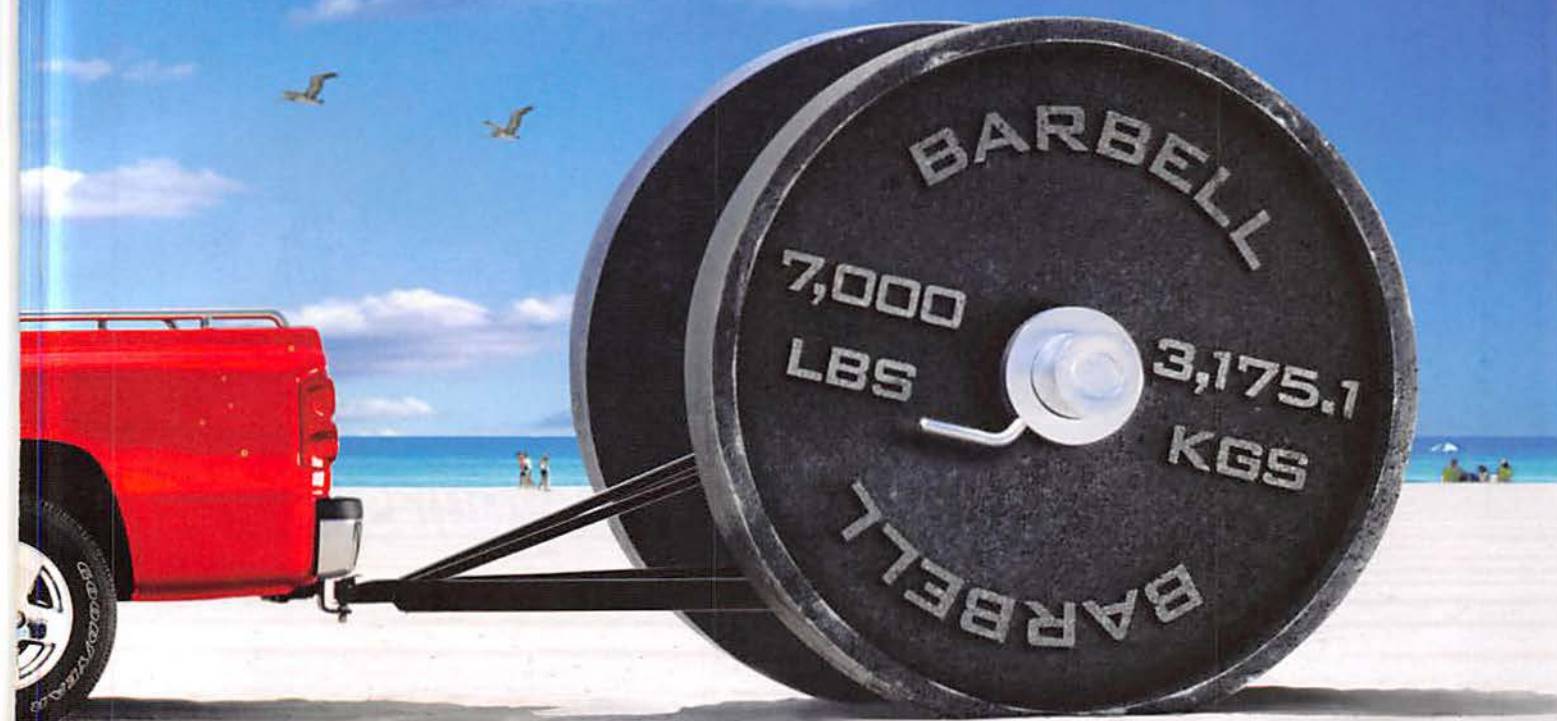
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TOXIC AVENGERS

DEAL WITH A BAD HEART

Save your life—or Bubba's—with these tips. Clear!



CLOT IN THE ACT

Like Limp Bizkit's next album, heart disease is something you probably don't anticipate keenly. But of the 29 million 20- to 34-year-old guys in the U.S., 12 million will die of it one day, many by way of a heart attack. That's when cholesterol plaque clogs an artery, starving your ticker of blood. If, like Bubba, you're lucky, you'll have bypass surgery before then. *Bon appétit!*



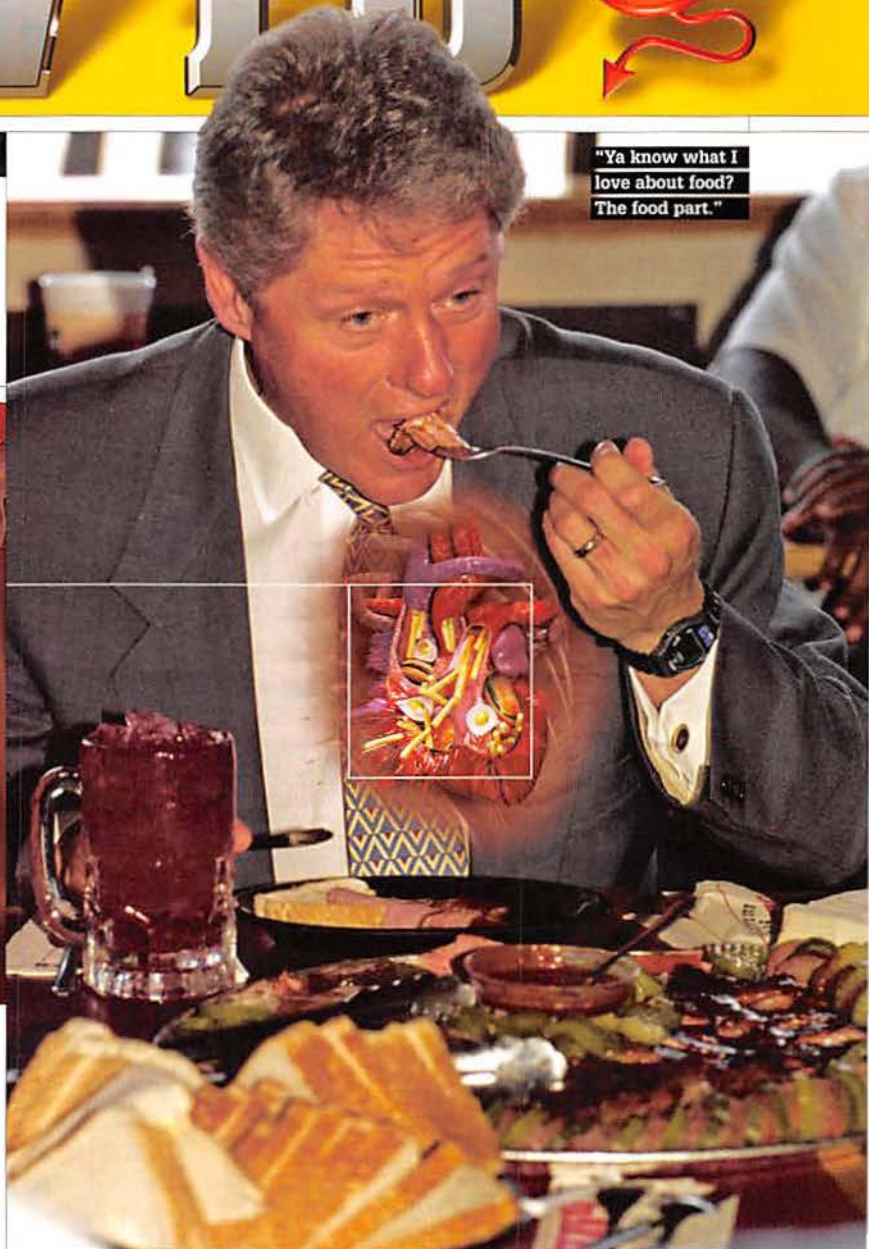
Death takes a hamburger

SPOT THE SIGNS

Like STDs, heart attacks often begin as a dull ache, not a sharp pain, says J.P. Reilly, M.D., a cardiologist at Ochsner Clinic Foundation in New Orleans. You'll have pressure in your chest and shortness of breath. You may also sweat a lot, feel pain down your left arm, and do the Levine sign, making a fist in front of your chest like that wacky therapist guy in *Office Space*—right before he died.

TAKE A CHILL PILL

First, put down the bear claw and try to relax. The calmer you are, the easier your heart's job is, so sit or lie down, get comfortable, and call 911. Find an aspirin tablet and chew it slowly (don't swallow it whole) to absorb it quickly. "This thins your blood to relieve pressure," explains Dr. Reilly. Then wait for an ambulance, promising God you'll never, ever supersize again. (We're talking to you, Cheney.)



"Ya know what I love about food? The food part."



RISK MANAGEMENT

ARE YOU NEXT?

Five signs you're headed for coronary combustion.

- 1. Ill-fitting genes:** A male relative who's had a heart problem before age 55 (or a female relative with one before 65).
- 2. Butt munch:** Cigs add 10 years to your blood vessels.
- 3. Insulin invasion:** Type 1 or 2 diabetes won't help.
- 4. Gnarly numbers:** Total cholesterol above 200, systolic blood pressure above 120, and/or diastolic bp above 80.
- 5. Total waist:** Obesity, which can lead to 3 and 4 above.



Smoking: cooler than being fat



"Like my new toe ring?"

HOW TO



There are rarely breakfast leftovers at the DeGeneres house

GOOD EATIN'

SERVE EDIBLE UNDERWEAR

Skip dinner at Denny's—dish up a handmade red licorice thong!

Flavored skivvies are fun for the whole family, but why waste money on clothing that can be worn once—especially when you can make it yourself? Gather some red licorice, chopsticks, tape to fix breaks, and a stash of expletives. Then head to knitty.com, where adult film star Dawn Payne explains the ins and outs of knitting licorice undies. But how would Grandma like it served?

PANTIES 'N' CREAM

Present with two scoops of vanilla ice cream, a drizzle of chocolate sauce, and a fan of fresh strawberries. Top off with whipped cream and a sprig of mint. Sound sickly? *Mais oui!* It's as French as surrendering to Germans, so pair it with a sauvignon blanc like Sancerre La Poussie 1997.

SWEETIE PIE

Decorate the plate with piles of Grandma's favorite candies. The sugar will make her so hyper she'll be begging you to eat it off her. Just don't let her crash—nothing's lonelier than this dish for one, except maybe us every night. Pair with a smooth, sweet port, like Quinta de Roriz 2002 Vintage Port.

TASTES LIKE...

Because strawberry licorice is mildly sweet, a savory dinner of roast chicken and garlic mashed potatoes could be a satisfying contrast. As your deadbeat dad will tell you, any poultry dish, or soul-crushing life, goes better with a rich Italian red, like 1999 Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino.



READER TIPS

FOGPROOF YOUR MIRROR

For a fog-free mirror after a shower, spray shaving cream on it, spread it all over the surface, then wipe it off. It'll last for about four weeks.
—Tony Herrera
San Jose, CA

SOCIAL SKILLS

EXPRESS ANGER ON A GOLF COURSE

Destroying clubs is good form, old boy, provided you observe proper etiquette. Mind if we play through?



"You're sleeping on the couch tonight, Mr. 3-iron."

1. BAD TEE SHOT

Sliced it again? Time for the ol' heave-ho. "Use a 3-iron," says Maryland club pro Mark Russo. "Most people can't hit that club." For maximum distance, grip with your dominant hand, step forward, and sling sidearm so it helicopters down the fairway. Fore-shizzle!



"Can't...focus. So many...arrows."

2. MISSED GREEN

This calls for a pickax-style hack into fairway turf. Bring the club up over your dominant shoulder, then swing it back downward with force. The head will sink deep into the sod. Pull the club out, then tamp down the hole with your spikes, envisioning your boss's face.



Tap-tap-taparoo? Umm, screw that.

3. BLOWN PUTT

"The green is sacred," Russo explains. Thus, the best option is to snap your putter over your knee. For a clean break, make sure it has a steel shaft (graphite splinters), and, for safety, wear slacks, not shorts. Practice with old clubs beforehand so you don't just bend it, weakling.



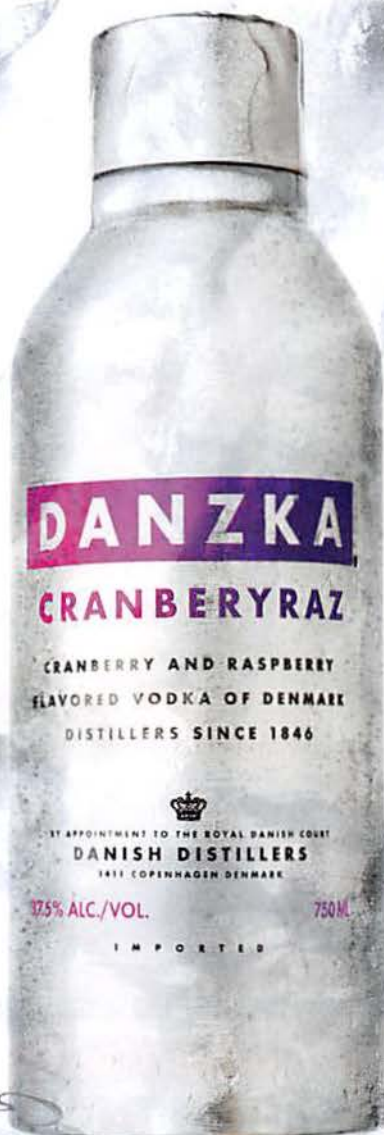
Bessie: bad cow, worse golf bag

4. CRAPPY ROUND

If you hit, say, 112, toss your bag in a dark closet and bolt the door, says Mark Clouse, director of golf at the Dominican Republic's Guavaberry Golf and Country Club. A few days "in the hole" should set it straight. Unless you just suck at golf, which, obviously, isn't the case.

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DEFY GRAVITY

BMX "Miracle Boy" Dave Mirra takes off the training wheels.

So the local girls aren't impressed with the My Little Pony stickers on your Schwinn? Maybe it's time to enchant them with death-defying tricks from 13-time X-Games gold medalist Dave Mirra. Check out the sequence of photos below as he explains how to do the *flare*, a back flip with a 180-degree twist. First, pedal toward a ramp at a speed you're comfortable with. "As you come to the top, lean your head back, like you're doing a reverse somersault off a diving board, while pulling back on the handlebars," Mirra says. Your momentum should carry you into the flip. "When you reach the peak of the jump, you should be upside down. Then, once you come back around, lean into the transition while turning 180 degrees and start lining up as you come down onto the ramp." Not bad, but if you wanna impress us, Miracle Boy, let's see you do it with baseball cards in your spokes.



1. Lean back.



2. Take flight.



3. Begin the flip.



4. Stay focused.



5. Finish the flip.



6. Start the 180.



7. Return to Earth.

DOUBLE DUTY

PICK UP CHICKS!

That smokin'-hot filly you met cruisin' the Y parking lot wants to "go for a ride"? Very unlikely



"Ooh, just one more bump, please!"

on your banana-seat Huffy with the handlebar tassels, but let's pretend. The last thing you wanna do is biff and give her a concrete facial, so think back to when you were a kid and you used to cart your fellow offensive rug rats around. Watch your speed, making wide turns to avoid a wipeout—and a crossbar in your kickstand. Plus, imagine the wedgie she'd get if her G-string got stuck on your bicycle bell. Hold on, Auntie!



READER TIPS

CURE HICCUPS

Drop a lit match into a cup of water and chug it (don't swallow the match, doofus). Everything else is b.s. —Kevin Devinney Pittsburgh, PA

STARTER PACK

BIKER BOY BASICS

If the trick above is too, er, tricky, try the *fufanu*. It's Mirra-approved!

1. THE APPROACH

Ride up to a bench or small ramp at a slow speed.



2. THE JUMP
Lift your front wheel, hop up with your back wheel.



3. THE TRICK
Land on your back wheel and catch your balance.



4. THE FINISH
Hop backward off the edge and 180 back to land. Easy!



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1. CHARM YOUR COWORKERS

Find out what the prepaid drink tickets look like and spring for a few rolls. Casually hand them out to the asswipe drones in accounting. You'll be able to expense motel receipts with impunity. And remember, female interns like liquor, too.



2. STAY SOBER

Use your tickets to get endless strong shots for the gang. While they gag on Prairie Fires, tip the bartender so he makes every other one of yours a shot of water. "Filling your stomach with water and diluting the alcohol will help the next day," says Marvin Salin, Ph.D., an alcohol metabolism expert with the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Damn drunks—they should all be fired.



3. IMPRESS YOUR BOSS

"Do a bit of research on the guy beforehand," suggests Terri Mandell, author of *Power Schmoozing: The New Etiquette for Social and Business Success*. Snoop through his office for clues about his hobbies, such as, say, mountain climbing. During the party, let a Photoshopped picture of you atop Mount Kilimanjaro drop from your wallet. Regale him with a cleverly contrived expedition story, then ask him how he climbed to the top of the corporate ladder. Mission Become the Favorite Son: Accomplished!



4. WOW THE LADIES

Slow-dance with the overweight yapper from purchasing. When word spreads of what a thoughtful, charming guy you are, the gates to the rest of the herd will be flung wide open. Choose the gal with the best combo of looks, availability, and not-your-direct-subordinate-or-superior-ness, and go for the kill.



5. UNDERMINE THE YES-MAN

Every office has a kiss-ass golden boy—and his cell phone ring tone is usually some obnoxious Maroon 5 noise. So when he's not paying attention, steal his phone, max out the volume, and stash it somewhere out of sight. During the head honcho's big toast, call it over and over while the sap scrambles around nervously, whispering, "Sorry."

6. SCORE A FREE MEAL

Line your pockets with plastic food storage bags. At the buffet, help yourself to extra fillets, drumsticks, and pasta for tomorrow's lunch. Just be discreet, lest you be mistaken for a freeloading douchebag!



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ARRESTED DEVELOPMENT

POSE FOR A MUG SHOT

Getting busted is way embarrassing... unless you have something to show for it!

Sure, it's cool to appear all scruffy and rebellious when Johnny Law hauls your sorry ass in for vandalizing Popeyes 'cuz they ran out of popcorn shrimp. But looking tough won't mean any less time in the pokey—and it could mean more. According to a recent Norwegian study, good-looking criminals are likely to get lighter sentences. Here's what our celeb friends have taught us about how to really shine on picture day.

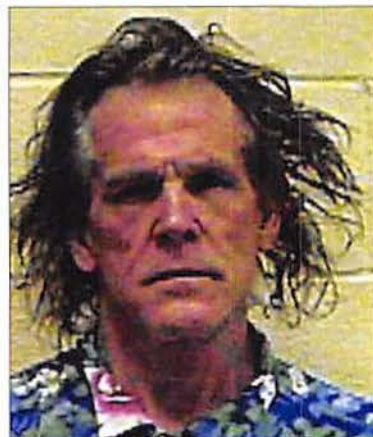


"I just love slumming!"

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LESSON 1: SMILE!

Kimora Lee Simmons (model and wife of music mogul Russell) refused to let her arrest for multiple traffic violations and pot possession spoil her mellow. Portrait photog Biff Collins notes, "She shows she has nothing to be ashamed of," proving that when having your mug shot taken, it helps to remain upbeat, confident, and a little high.



"Wanna know how to roast a possum?"

2

LESSON 2: CARRY A COMB!

It might just be that he'd been ridin' the rails, but Nick Nolte's hobo hairdo ain't gonna do him any favors with the Man. Nolte, busted for drunk driving, looks like he's undergone an extreme bum makeover. Guess he must have had the top down. Scarily, in Collins' expert opinion, "the photographer did a decent job."



Uncle Buck is gonna be so-o-o pissed!

3

LESSON 3: USE A RAZOR!

Next time you go on an appletini bender, be sure to shave your stubble first. Otherwise you'll look like Macaulay Culkin, busted for possession of pot, Xanax, and anti-anxiety pills (without a prescription!). His peach fuzz impresses no one, least of all any musclebound perps who might cozy up to him behind bars. Good luck, party monster.



Your makeup looks great, Mr. Jackson

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LESSON 4: BORROW YOUR GIRL'S BLUSHER, NANCY!

Carmen Electra was busted for brawling with then-beau Dennis Rodman, although charges were dropped. "Makeup's in great condition for a woman who may have just whooped an NBA star," Collins explains. Remember that a little blush works wonders, and it'll please your new cellmate, Biggie.



READER TIPS

FIX NOISY JOINTS

Got a squeaky door hinge and no WD-40 nearby? Grab some nonstick cooking spray—it'll work just as well.

—Lou Mazzone
 Naples, FL



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The SSN-23 stretches 100 feet longer than other Seawolf-class subs, and that bigger tube ain't for holding more seamen. It sports a multi-mission platform that can deploy spy gadgets like advanced sonar sensors, unmanned aerial and underwater vehicles, and barely legal mermaid cams.

FIBEROPTIC TAP

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DIVING INTO THE PAST *A brief history of undersea warfare.*

1578: William Borne sketches the first sub design, which features ballast tanks that can be filled or emptied to rise or sink. Though never realized, his central idea is the same used by modern submarines.

1775: David Bushnell builds the *Turtle*, a human-powered sub with a crew of one. It's meant to screw bombs onto British warships, but has the distinct disadvantage of not actually working.

1863: The *H.L. Hunley*, a Confederate hand-cranked sub, is built in Mobile, Alabama. It sinks twice, killing 13, before its final crew of eight also dies in the first successful sub attack, against the USS *Housatonic*.

1914-1918: During WWI, 274 German U-boats sink 6,000-plus allied ships, establishing the sub as an instrumental weapon. By war's end 182 of the subs will be lost.

1939-45: The Battle of the Atlantic pits Germany's U-boats against allied surface vessels and convoys. Glub glub.

1954: The United States launches the world's first nuclear submarine, the USS *Nautilus*, which can operate underwater indefinitely. In 1958 the sub becomes the first ship to cross the North Pole.



The USS Nautilus

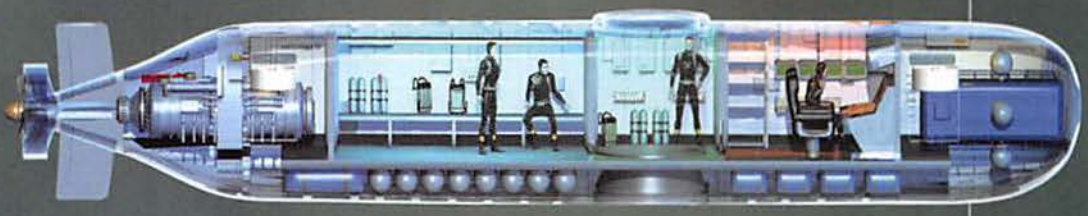
1960: America kicks off a new, dangerous era—and some bitchin' Bond movies—when it equips subs with nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles.

The wolfpack strikes again



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This Jimmy Carter's little brother is far nastier than even Billy: a 65-foot mini-sub built for long-range insertions and extractions of SEAL teams. Piloted by a two-man crew, the ASDS deploys up to 18 SEALs, plus toys. Sometimes they sing "Yellow Submarine" right before they gut someone like a fish.



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HULL PLATING

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WOLF'S BITE

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MK-48 ADCAP TORPEDO

ADCAP stands for Advanced Capabilities, such as searching for programmed targets, blowing past decoys and countermeasures, jamming enemy systems, and reattacking many times if the torpedo misses on the first pass. It's kind of like a powerful, explosive ex-girlfriend who keeps calling and calling and calling until you have to pick up and take your punishment.



AGM-84 HARPOON

The sub fires a capsule from a torpedo tube, the capsule floats to the surface, and out pops the Harpoon missile. It skims low over the water, measuring the coordinates of a preprogrammed target—say, a Greenpeace boat—against the radar and altimeter readings from its missile guidance unit (MGU). Then: boom!



BGM-109 TOMAHAWK

Sporting turbo engines and a GPS locator, the \$500,000 Tomahawk reads terrain contours and compares them to a map of the area. Nearing its goal, it actually "looks" at the target, matching it with a preprogrammed image. If it looks the same, it's history. If it looks like one of those cheap imitation knockoffs of the target, the hawk haggles to buy it for less than \$5 before the cops show up.

The *Kursk*, now on eternal patrol



1968: A Soviet November-class nuclear sub scares the hell out of the U.S. Navy after successfully tailing a high-speed task force. This inspires the U.S. to develop the fast-attack Los Angeles-class subs.

1974: The CIA launches a "deep-ocean mineral recovery" mission...to salvage Soviet sub *K-729*, which sank in 1968. The project fails when the sub falls apart and sinks back to the bottom.

1981: The U.S., Britain, Canada, and Norway launch an 83-ship exercise, attempting to elude Soviet surveillance systems. Secret purpose: to test if a high-level mole is selling the Soviets our secrets.

1985: The FBI nails John Walker for selling codes that allow Russia to pinpoint every U.S. sub. Is every guy with that name a traitor or what?

1989: A fire on the Soviet nuke sub *Komsomolets* leads to its sinking off Norway, killing 42. Fish-gobbling Nords become paranoid about radioactive herring.

2000: The Russian attack sub *Kursk* sinks in the Barents Sea—all hands lost. *Maxim* (Issue 36) uncovered that an experimental torpedo probably exploded.

2004: The Seawolf-class *Jimmy Carter* is christened. Though its name-sake is a certified mama's boy, he is also the only U.S. president badass enough to be a submarine-qualified commander.

John Walker, left, sold out our subs



SAYS HER

No, raise your other hand if you're sure!

SECRETS OF A HOLLYWOOD HAREM

Former madam to the stars Jody "Babydol"

Gibson gives up the sex secrets of the hottest

girls in the vice trade. BY JODY GIBSON

Unless exerting your pea-size brain gives you a "thinkache," chances are you've wondered what it would be like to have your own harem. Jody "Babydol" Gibson lived that dream for 13 years. According to the Justice Department, Babydol ran a global escort empire with offices in 16 states and Europe. But Babydol says it was a lot bigger than that.

"By 1996 I was only handling title girls—Hollywood stars, Hooters girls, famous adult-movie stars—only girls with recognizable titles," says the *real* Hollywood Madam. "Hollywood, Wall Street, and Texas oil money made me a very successful woman."

Heidi Fleiss came out of Babydol's stable and got busted almost immediately after going ▶



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out on her own. It took the Feds eight more years to nab Gibson. "They finally got me on tax evasion with six zeroes," she says from her home in Beverly Hills.

Although she's responsible for more horizontal mambo than anyone else on the planet, Babydol can't deliver wild fantasies to your door any longer. But she still wants to get you laid. We asked Babydol, who has a tell-all book on the way next year, to tell us what she learned in the years before killjoy attorneys put an end to her operation. Here—from inside the harem—are the ultimate secrets of the sack.

Lesson #1: The pickup

For 13 years I provided sex for the biggest names in Hollywood, the deepest pockets on Wall Street, and Texas oil gazillionaires. Take it from me—most of those big shots couldn't satisfy a woman if she came with an instruction manual. Once you take away the stacks of cash, these guys are nothing but bad pickup lines, bullshit stories, and 60-second seizures on silk sheets. Moral: With this kind of competition, no woman is out of your league!

"You should have heard the bullshit he threw at me tonight," one of my Hooters girls told me after servicing a major action star. "This jerk thinks he's so cool. It's hilarious!"

I had some of the world's sexiest women in my stable and witnessed firsthand that the hotter a woman is, the less she gets asked out. All you need is a pickup line that doesn't sound like a line, one that makes you look simultaneously interested, interesting, and spontaneous. Try this: The next time you spot that sexy, unapproach-

I witnessed firsthand that the hotter a woman is, the less she gets asked out.

able woman at your local bar, say hello by saying goodbye. Say something like, "I'm on my way out, but I couldn't resist introducing myself." Then do the unthinkable: Hand her your phone number and leave.

You've now presented yourself as both considerate and smooth, while leaving her curious. And like the saying goes, curiosity might have killed the cat, but it brings pussies to life.

C'mon, give us five and we'll leave you alone

CONSUMER REPORT

Our international escort empress dishes the dirt on her loyal customers.



CELEBRITIES

Babydol says: "Your typical Hollywood big shot wants free booty and lots of it. He wants four or five girls at a time and thinks he should get 'em all for free, which he probably could if he weren't cheap, lazy, and utterly clueless."



TEXAS OIL MONEY

Babydol says: "In the pre-Viagra days, these old men had absolutely no stamina, so they were looking for a girl they could talk to; in the business we call that a mind-fuck. And because of that they would often get addicted to one girl."



WALL STREET

Babydol says: "High finance means high return, and these guys love to spread it around. Typically, they have a wife and a girlfriend, so they want 10 girls to go out all night partying with their buddies. A \$5,000 tip is commonplace."



EUROPEANS

Babydol says: "Euros are all the same, whether it's Paris, London, or Rome. They want a young model type with a body like a 10-year-old boy's. Give 'em Doogie Howser in a wig and they'll be perfect gentlemen the rest of the night."



ASIANS

Babydol says: "Ask any working girl and she'll tell you the same thing: Asians are the dream client. They're generous, immaculately clean, and, most importantly, fast. I'm talkin' five minutes tops. I could have made a million dollars a year in Asia."



Lesson #2: Stamina 101

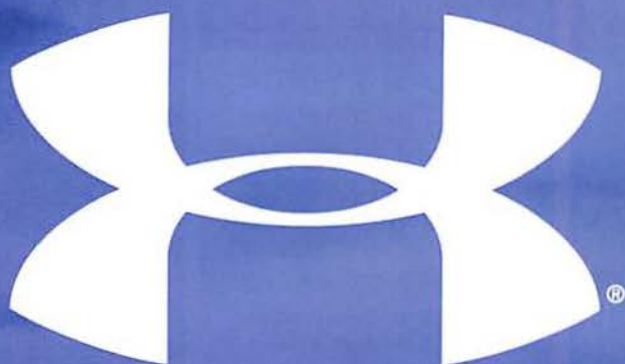
This is the best dating trick since "don't ask, don't tell." Pleasure yourself *before* a date and you may not have to afterward.

It's hard enough spending the first hour of dinner trying to make interesting conversation about Julia Roberts movies without the distraction of wondering what color panties your date is wearing. But if you can manage to fix your gaze on that pretty sphere above her neck instead of her chest, I promise you good things will happen. I always told my girls that when the blood rushes to a man's little head, the big head is clueless. In other words, men are a thousand times more interesting to women after they've blown a load. So unless you're convinced that your date's planning to polish you off before soup is served, kill the kittens before your date.

Think of this advice as a win-win: If you're fortunate enough to get lucky later in the night, you'll perform with stamina to boot.

Lesson #3: Sex tricks

I had a world-famous woman working for me in the early 1990s who was offered \$15,000 by one of Hollywood's most successful action film producers. Her task? Have sex with his dog. Now, she went ahead and did it—but that doesn't mean she *liked* it. In other words, finding out what your girl likes is the key to keeping things fresh between the sheets. And sometimes she'll need a little help. I've spoken to more sex-crazed women than you ever will, and almost every one lists the "reverse cowgirl"—where the girl rides on top, facing her man's feet—as her favorite sexual position. And your girl, even if she doesn't know it yet, will like it, too.



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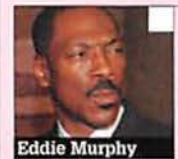
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When pretty women get ugly...

Match these celebrities to their salacious sex scandal and win a full set of genital warts.

- A.** Arrested on Sunset Blvd. with a \$60 harlot, who later signed a six-figure deal hosting a sleazy TV series.
- B.** Offered an undercover cop \$50 for sex, but it was his .3 grams of blow that put him on the hot seat.
- C.** Reportedly caught on tape going down on two Canuck strippers. A third said, "It wasn't the best I've had."
- D.** Cowered in a closet after assaulting a tranny hooker; later paid \$4,500 for her facial reconstruction.
- E.** Admitted to hiring hookers on 37 separate occasions, spending a total of \$53,000. He's still a very rich man...
- F.** Took at least one lap dancer home from a strip club where they had a "lap dancing extravaganza." Yummy!
- G.** The butler for this royal pervert claims his boss tormented him in front of hookers in a local red light district.
- H.** Pregame whores were part of his game in La-La Land. Kind of gives a new meaning to Showtime...
- I.** Arrested for offering an undercover cop \$40 for oral sex the night before a world championship game.
- J.** Caught with a transsexual hooker. The she-man was rumored to have been promised a part in his next film.



Eddie Murphy



Ben Affleck



Eugene Robinson



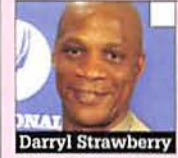
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Charlie Sheen



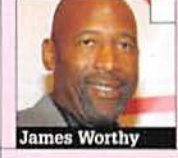
Princess Diana



Darryl Strawberry



Hugh Grant



James Worthy



Famke Janssen



If your girl stops shaving, the next head you'll get is yours—on a platter.

Here's how to take her for the ride of her life: Begin by entering her doggy-style, then slowly lean back, holding her at the waist until she is essentially sitting on your lap. Extend your legs one at a time and hold on. A good cowgirl—and we all are—will take over from there. Happy trails...

Lesson #4: Group therapy

Supplying sex and debauchery to world-famous johns made me a lot of money, and it taught me even more. One of the many things I learned was that sex with multiple partners can save your relationship. For instance, while it's true that I've arranged for many of the biggest names in Hollywood to cheat on their wives, I have also helped many more pay for sex as a way to spice up their relationships and actually kill the urge to cheat.

As one of my clients—the patriarch of one of the most political families in the Texas oil business—used to say, "Couples that swing together stay together." The key is to remove the jealousy associated with swinging. A certain Hollywood pretty boy—we'll call him Ben—used to pay one of my girls to pose as a maid at the Chateau Marmont hotel in L.A. When Ben's girlfriend—let's call her Mini—answered the door, my girl would flirt her perky little bottom off until she was invited in. The key is that my girl was already told to all but ignore Ben even once the action got hot and heavy.

So why did this work? Because it's not illicit sex that has your wives and girlfriends sharpening their shanks when you're not home by dark.

What they fear is your sharing intimacy, romance, and an emotional connection with another woman. Play it right and you may just find yourself the filling in a hottie sandwich.

Lesson #5: Blow jobs aren't cheating

This one could be a tough sell with your girl. If she doesn't buy it, then it'll have to be our little secret. Here goes... As long as you can divorce yourself from all nonsexual emotions (and kissing), stop feeling guilty about the occasional anonymous blow job. The majority of my 1,000 clients were happily married men who weren't looking for romance or something they had at home. They rarely even wanted to see the same girl a second time. Better still, all the money in Fort Knox couldn't convince my girls to engage in any sexual contact without a condom.

So as long as you keep everything 100 percent safe with no exchange of names, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or any other way to get back in touch, my advice is this: Keep up the good work. Most girls don't care if a stripper grinds her ass on your lap once in a while, or if you pleasure yourself to a porn movie, or get a sensual full-body massage from a Swedish siren, so why is a blow job so taboo?

Lesson #6: How to know when it's over

Show me a gorgeous girl and I'll show you a guy who's tired of fucking her. That reality is what kept me in business for so long. My Wall Street guys had wives in Long Island and girlfriends in Manhattan, and they still paid me \$50,000 for 10 girls to go out and party all night with their buddies. My point is that sexual chemistry is the single most important part of any relationship. By the time that's gone, the fat lady has already packed up her sheet music and hit the buffet.

Unfortunately for you, anyone who thinks they know when a woman is bored in bed never had sex with one of my girls. I know for a fact that my girls closed more than a few movie deals after they put a smile on everyone's face, and at least one girl each year hocked an engagement ring the morning after a "date."

But amateurs, like bad poker players, usually have some obvious telltale signs. If your girlfriend or wife still likes sappy love songs by Journey, you're probably safe. But the minute she stops shaving like she used to, watch your back. The next head you'll get will be yours—on a platter.

And that's exactly the time when most guys would grab the phone to call me... **M**



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GREAT BALLS AND FIRE

Teenage bomb maker turned pyro stunt man Mark Hager plans to set 10 world records in 2005. Or die trying...



When Mark Hager made his first bomb at the age of 12, his police-man dad had understandable concerns about where his arson-prone son might end up. Luckily, Hager was able to focus his destructive energies and quickly carved out a career doing stunt work in dozens of TV shows and Hollywood movies.

But with the advent of computer-generated imagery, it wasn't long before nerds began displacing the real men who made a living jumping cars, setting themselves ablaze, and falling from 30-story buildings into piles of cardboard boxes. So Hager ditched Tinseltown and decided to keep the glory days alive all by himself.

Now the most sought-after daredevil and pyrotechnician in the world, Hager travels the country putting on spectacular stunts—jumping cars into brick walls, orchestrating midair collisions, crash-landing a school bus over a line of flaming buses, even breaking world records in front of thousands of carnage-hungry fans. He's Evel Knievel, Super Dave Osborne, and Johnny Knoxville all rolled into one flaming death wish.

So what's it like to be registered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; cheat death for a living; and fend off groupies so that your wife doesn't kill you first? Buckle up and keep reading.

'I'm gonna put a hydrogen peroxide rocket on a car and jump it a mile. Wanna watch?'

You plan to rewrite the record book in 2005, but world records fall every time Mary-Kate skips a meal. Please tell us you're planning something badass.

I've got the baddest stunt you've ever seen. I'm driving a 250-horsepower Ford Mustang 100 mph up a ramp designed to send it spiraling through the air. As that happens stunt pilots are going to fly two biplanes underneath me, upside down, straight at each other. Then I'll crash to the ground in a ball of fire. How's that?

Oh, that world record! You must be buzzing like a coke fiend in Bogotá after doing that. What's the rush like?

When I do jumps, it's not about adrenaline. I'm scared shitless. I'd be a fool not to be. It's scary as hell to crash a car at 85 mph. But once I climb in

the car, I hear this little voice in the back of my head. It's funny, but it's from the video game *Mortal Kombat*, when the guy goes, "Finish him!" That's when I know I'm going to *kill* the car, and I thrive on that destruction.

You're a 35-year-old man obsessed with blowing himself up. We're guessing you weren't the most well-behaved child.

I was the kid in the neighborhood nobody was allowed to play with. The only reason I'm not in prison right now is that my dad was a policeman. I really taxed that guy's patience—and he was a 6'1", 240-pound ex-Navy boxer who would've crushed me if I did something *totally* stupid. I loved pyrotechnics, but I didn't burn down any houses or anything. I just always made sure I had a good time, whether it was BB gun fights or building my first bomb.

Well, boys will be—wait. Bomb?

Yeah. We'd take a milk jug, fill it with gasoline, and put a lit flare behind it. Then we'd stand 100 feet away and shoot it with a high-powered rifle. The gas would be blown all over the flare, which would light it on fire and create a huge fireball. To me that was fun.

So when did you actually start getting paid to be a psychopath?

When I was 18. I met a guy who was a movie stunt coordinator. He needed someone to fall down some stairs. I'd

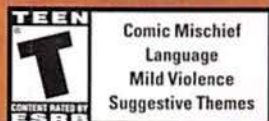


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known I wanted to be a stunt man since I was seven years old, but I had absolutely no training. So I just went flying down the stairs.

Have we seen you bust your ass on the big screen?

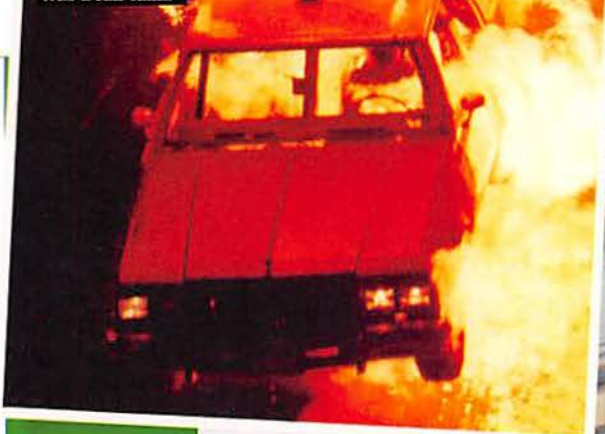
I've done movies like *Sudden Death* with Van Damme and *The Punisher*. But to be honest, the movie industry is so mundane these days. There is a very small percentage of Hollywood stunts where you actually risk anything, and now just about everything can be done on a computer. That's why I started jumping cars at live shows.

Have you been offered a stunt even you thought was too insane?

The only thing I ever turned down was for a TV show called *Rescue 911*. They wanted me to turn over a 24-foot truck and lay it on its side. That's nothing—you could be sitting in the passenger seat drinking beers and laughing while we do it. But in the scene it was a beekeeper's truck, and when it flipped over they were going to sting the shit out of the guy. So they wanted to pay some dumb-ass to lie there as they poured syrup all over him and covered him in bees. And I hate bees. I mean, I hate those fuckers.

Do you have a dream stunt—something you'd love to do if the laws of gravity and reconstructive surgery did not exist? I'm working on that right now. We're cutting the roof off a standard school bus and installing an

"Damn! That was a full tank."



'I'm not baking brownies. I know I'm a savage—and I'm fine with that.'

ejector seat. Once that's finished I'm going to take it off a ramp at over 300 mph, launch 500 feet into the air over water, and eject just before the bus blows up. It's a stunt that's never been done before, but it doesn't even compare to the one I've got planned after that.

Let us guess. You're going to jump over Kirstie Alley backward.

Better! I'm going to put a hydrogen peroxide rocket on a car and jump the thing more than a mile under power. I figure once I do that every other jump will be moot. C'mon, who's gonna care about the guy that eventually jumps one mile and 10 feet, right? My signature is that I attempt the most violent things in the world, and this definitely fits in that category.



The General Lee's on a bender

You blew the landing and nearly killed yourself on your world record bus jump (below). What happened?

Insanity happened. The previous world record was about 80 feet, and the jalopies were there as my landing pad, but that bus just kept flying. I wound up jumping it 213 feet and completely overshot the jalopies.

You also twisted in the air and crashed the bus on its side. Will you ever try to die that way again?

I never thought I'd try this jump again, but money talks. The thing with that stunt was that in order to get up to speed for the jump I had to circle the track a few times. And because the oval at Lowe's Motor Speedway is banked,

ANATOMY LESSONS

WORLD RECORD WRECKAGE

Here's how Mark Hager crashed and burned his way into the record books.

The Launch	Lowe's Motor Speedway	Ready...Aim...	Survival Gear	Fire...	Bricking the Landing
His 100-foot ramp was actually two 48-foot flatbeds connected with an A-frame. It was just 16 feet wide and took 20 people eight hours to build.	The 24-degree banked turns at the Charlotte, North Carolina track allowed Hager to hit the required 85 mph but caused the bus to twist coming off the ramp.	The second Hager came out of the final turn, he manually armed the naphtha bomb—made from naphthalene, which is essentially mothballs—on board.	A standard 30-foot school bus...with a few modifications: no seats or windows, a 500 bhp Caddy motor, five-gallon fuel cell, pyro mortar, and NASCAR roll cage.	Once he was airborne, his team ignited the 50-pound bags of mystery explosives below. "That's all I can say without the ATF showing up at my house."	Hager was supposed to fly over three buses and land safely on a pile of jalopies. But he overshot, twisting in the air and landing the bus on its side...safely.





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STEP 4: BOOZE IT UP

Presoak four pieces of Bundt cake in Bacardi 151. If swallowed, contact a physician and resist desire to call your ex-girlfriend.



STEP 5: DIE SLOWLY

Now that we've got your attention, line cake pieces side by side and create a small pile of noodles to serve as the landing pad.



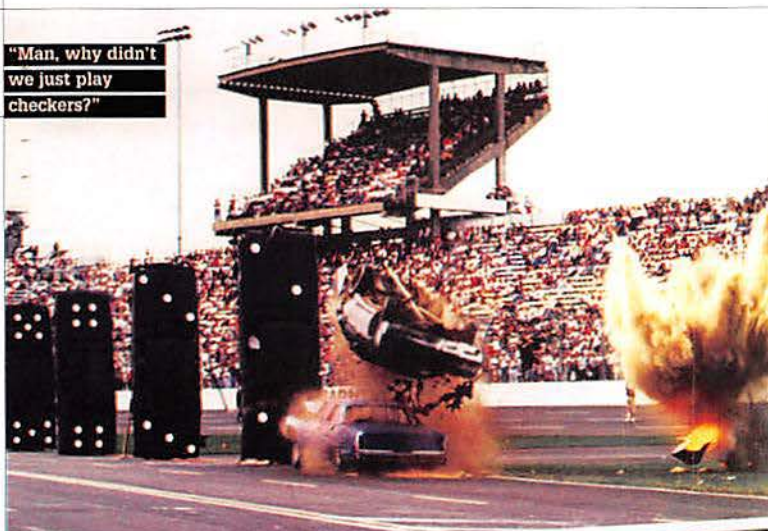
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when I came off the last turn and onto the ramp the bus was a bit off. And as soon as I hit that ramp, the bus started twisting in the air. If I had hit the ground on wheels I would've died for sure, because I completely overshot my jalopy cushioning. These days the EMS guys know to back the hell up when I come to town, because you never know how far I'm gonna fly.

Are you a Jackass? Uh...we mean, are you a fan of the show?

Oh, man, I love *Jackass*—I saw the movie five times in the theater. Most stunt guys try to act like they're above it all because they're afraid of being called a daredevil, but I don't give a rat's ass what people want to call me. I just think it's funny.

Is that sissy Robbie Knieval considered your biggest rival?

I wouldn't call him anything like that. Back in the day we did similar stuff, but now he's moved on and just does spectacles.

Any stunt-pyrotechnician groupies?

Definitely. But this is a very dangerous line of questioning—my wife may read this.

Er, Maxim isn't sold where you live...

I've had guys ask me to make out with their girlfriends because of who I am. Female reporters would come out because they were always covering boring shit like Bob's dog died or there was a big pileup on Route 26. So they'd see a tape of me and think I was nuts, and... Hold on, my wife is going to kill me.

Speaking of which, what's the worst injury of your career?

Rattling off your medical history seems so passé. I don't want to sound like an elderly hypochondriac talking about my medical problems. It's fucking boring.

Seriously, what's the worst injury?

Fine. I've broken my neck. I broke my back twice. I've broken both legs. I broke my right wrist three times and my left wrist four times. My kneecap once got crushed into mush at 55 mph. The hospital wanted to amputate my leg. Instead, I asked for a pain prescription and rode home for eight and a half hours to my orthopedic surgeon. I love that guy.

Probably not as much as he loves you.

You're right. I've been paying this guy's country



One flaming mess Hager won't escape

club dues for years, and he just built a new Hager Wing on his house. But he's the best. When I broke my neck in '95, I had doctors lecturing me about my "reckless behavior," and, like I said before, when I turned my leg into a dangling piece of meat, the first doctor wanted to amputate. This guy knows I'm a psychopath and does whatever it takes to get me back out there.

Now that we're friends, can we blow ourselves up on your dime? Or do you and your buddies just sit around knitting full-body casts?

I like to do things that are a little wild. A bunch of my buddies and I have little 50 cc minibikes, and we like to race around as we knock each other off and shoot each other with paintball guns. I mean, we were doing *Jackass* stunts long before it was a TV show. I just trained 10 of my friends to drive up on two wheels in a custom-built Mustang.

This should've been our very first question: Are you insane?

The audience usually thinks so. They know something bad is gonna happen, and that's a good thing for me. But I don't try to be someone I'm not—I'm not baking brownies out there. I know I'm a savage, and I'm fine with that. **M**

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Hager's *Brotherhood of Destruction* DVD and his stunt schedule are available at dangerousmoments.com.



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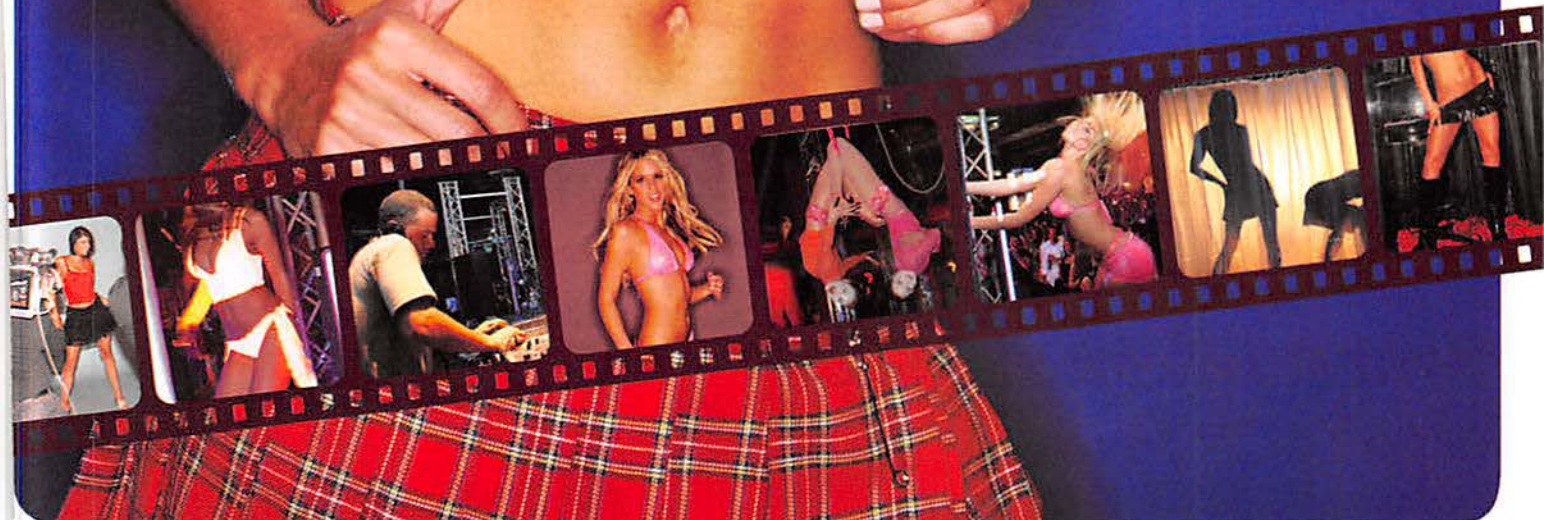
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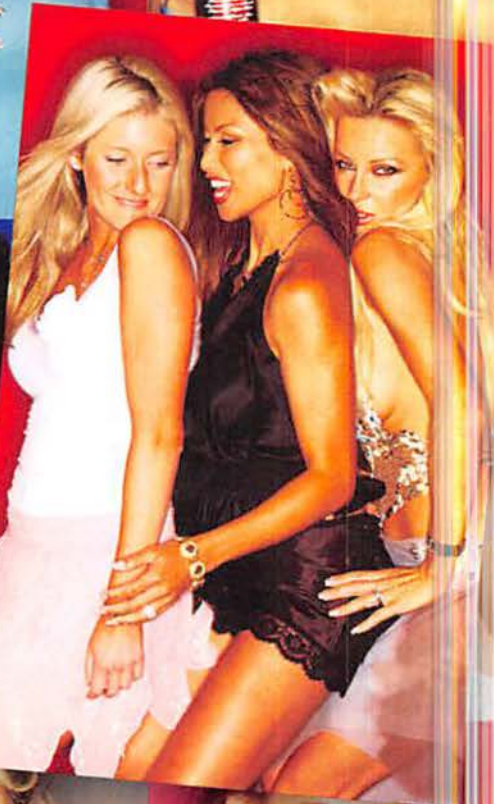
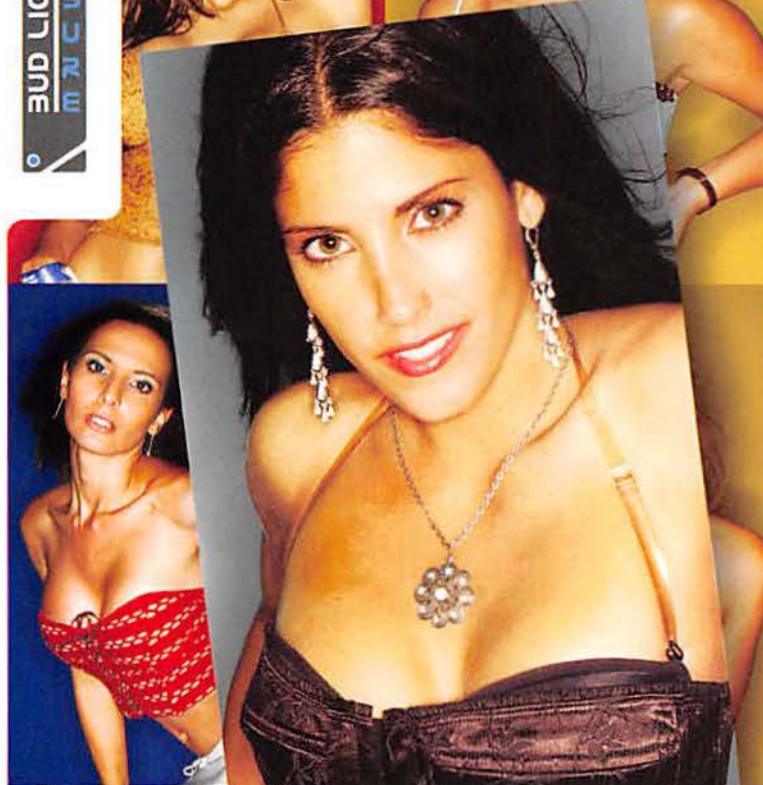
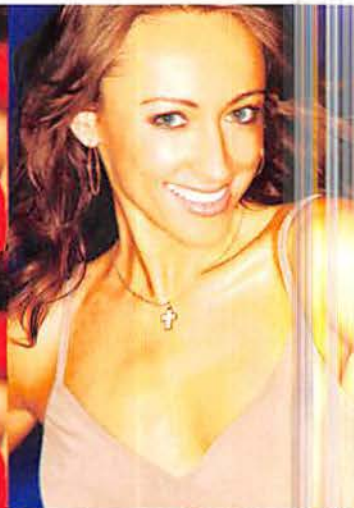
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WHAT WE LEARNED FROM THE MOVIES OF 2004

It was a rewarding year of educational lessons on love, living, and horrifically gruesome crucifixion. Who ever said that the pictures couldn't teach you something valuable?



"Make haste! Sears is having a horseshoe sale."

1. TROY, ALEXANDER, KING ARTHUR

Lesson learnt: The bigger the epic, the harder it falls. For every award-winning swordfest like *Gladiator*, there's a flick like *Troy*, which was little more than Brad Pitt in a metal skirt. Or *Alexander*, which was little more than Colin Farrell in a metal skirt. Or *King Arthur* (Clive Owen in a chain-mail skirt)...



"Serves you right for having a faux-hawk."



"We really suck!"

2. VAN HELSING

Lesson learnt: Computer graphics can't save a bad flick. Hugh Jackman in a cape with a robot-buzz-saw facing werewolves and Frankenstein? It sounds cool... If only the movie had a story that wasn't thrown together by monkeys. Like our grandpa always said, "Slather icing on a pile of shit and you've got yourself a shitcake!" He was a bit weird.



3. SUPER SIZE ME AND FAHRENHEIT 9/11

Lesson learnt: Wanna be famous? Stuff some Big Macs in your mouth and grab a camcorder, because you're only a quick edit away from being a superstar. Morgan Spurlock binged on McD, gained 25 pounds, and made money from doing it, and Michael Moore... well, he was already fat and famous. So start eating!



"Masochist? Why do you ask?"

4. THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST

Lesson learnt: Kids like Jesus more than dinosaurs. Jesus loves you. So does Mel Gibson, for helping his movie top *Jurassic Park* in all-time box office. There are no dinos to entertain the kiddies, but there are gallons of blood. What better way to teach your tyke that a flail can rip out your flesh? (Besides flogging him.)



"You ordered the ribs?"

5. THE GIRL NEXT DOOR

Lesson learnt: Porn stars are people, too... and easy. When that hot girl moves in next to you and it turns out she's smoked a few poles on-camera, don't judge! Remember that everyone deserves a fresh start. Then take her to your high school prom and try to get lucky. Now let's work on inviting that crack addict on your porch in for dinner.



Yeah, we've had this nightmare

5. WHITE CHICKS

Lesson learnt: The *Tootsie/Soul Man* joke just won't die. Congratulations, Wayans brothers, for taking the torch Al Jolson and *Mrs. Doubtfire* passed down to you: You bravely slapped on fake boobs and whiteface to raise the bar for recycled gags and become the creepy robotic-faced heiresses you always knew you could be. Our testicles are still crawling out of their hiding places.



Cuddle party time!

7. ANCHORMAN

Lesson learnt: *San Diego*, in German, means whale's vagina. From Will Ferrell, the only man on Earth who could make "I'm going to punch you in the ovary" a popular catch phrase, come important life lessons: (1) A man's best friend is his dog, (2) scotch is a beautiful thing, and (3) being a San Diego newsman in the '70s was the best booty call of the 20th century. If only we had known...



"Can we get some bigger flags, sire?"

8. RETURN OF THE KING

Lesson learnt: You can be a slob and win an Oscar. Peter Jackson gives the worst-groomed among us hope. The only trick is you also have to be an absolutely brilliant movie director who's grossed more than a billion dollars on the most critically acclaimed film trilogy ever made. So, on second thought, maybe you should quit smearing donuts all over your face.



"Taxi! Oh, damn!"

9. THE VILLAGE

Lesson learnt: Surprise endings don't work if nobody bothers to see the movie. What? You don't know the ending to *M. Night Shyamalan's* 2004 flop? Most people don't, because the film only made slightly more domestically than it cost to make and market. Well, guess what: They're in the present day. Surprise. Remake it as a reality show with the Amish and now we're talking.



"No, I said venti."

10. KILL BILL VOL. 2

Lesson learnt: If you've only got one eye, at least protect it with goggles. Take it from Daryl Hannah's character, Elle Driver, a.k.a. California Mountain Snake, who thrashes with a bleeding eye socket through Budd's piece-of-crap trailer-home bathroom. To have one eye snatched out of your head's gotta piss you off. But then the second? That's almost worthy of a Darwin Award.



Welcome to Florida?

11. ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND

Lesson learnt: Having your mind erased doesn't work. Be careful: You may hate your ex, but trying to remove those tortured memories could result in infinitely repeating coma dreams of collapsing beach houses while Kirsten Dunst shakes her panty-clad rump over your sleeping head. Next time, use a stripper working her way through law school.

> WHAT'S FUN THIS MONTH

MAIN EVENTS

DEC. 2

■ Britney Spears turns a ripe ol' 23 years old today. And with any luck, she may not be married anymore. Be persistent!



DEC. 3

■ The Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR), the Super Bowl of steer, starts in Las Vegas. Don't tailgate near the stables.



DEC. 7

■ Tonight is the first night of Hanukkah. Support all your Jewish friends by crafting them beautiful hand-made dreidels out of your own earwax.

DEC. 8



■ John Lennon died on this day. In his honor, try to listen to Yoko Ono without stabbing your ears.

DEC. 13

■ Today is, inexplicably, Ice Cream and Violins Day. Because nothing gets us in the mood for creamy treats more than screeching strings.



DEC. 14

■ Call your bookie! Bowl season begins with the Wyndham New Orleans Bowl, 6:30 P.M. EST on ESPN. Make sure you bet big and fix as many officials as you can.

DEC. 17

■ Martin Scorsese's *The Aviator* taxis into theaters. DiCaprio is Howard Hughes. And we're the king of Spain! Tra-la-la!

DEC. 18

■ Christina Aguilera's birthday (1980). She was born a year before Britney, but her birthday is celebrated 16 days later. Her thunder is stolen by her younger rival. Only one solution will decide the victor: catfight!



DEC. 25

■ *Fat Albert* is released in movie theaters, satisfying millions of fat, sleepy people full of figgy pudding.



DEC. 26

■ Woo-hoo! Boxing Day. Give your brother a gift that lasts: cauliflower ear!



DEC. 28

■ *King of the Hill: The Complete Third Season* is out on DVD, just in time for the bad gift exchange.



DEC. 31

■ Midnight Run in Manhattan's Central Park: a four-mile race with DJs and fireworks. Whatever happened to getting shitfaced and passing out?



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"You see, Matt, when two men love each other very much..."

MAIN ATTRACTION

OCEAN'S TWELVE

One heist deserves another: ripping off a sequel.

Out: December 10

Director: Steven Soderbergh

Stars: George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Julia Roberts, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia, Bernie Mac

The story: You'd think that ripping off three—count 'em, three—Las Vegas casinos in one night would satisfy even the most hardcore crook, but Danny Ocean (Clooney) and his gang are back. Yes, all of them. (Like Scott Caan had anything better to do...) This time they attempt a major heist across Europe, with Europol agent Zeta-Jones on their collective case.

The buzz: Although the title's a clunker (it makes *Beethoven's Second* seem like a stroke of genius), we're impressed that Soderbergh not only corralled the original's superstar cast for another go but also upped the ante, payroll, and ogle factor by adding the lovely Mrs. Michael Douglas. We'll tolerate this one, but count us out for *Ocean's Baker's Dozen*.

We're guessing: ★★★★★



"That review is incredible!"



GET THIS!

> The *Ocean's Twelve* script was originally meant to be a John Woo flick.

DON'T MISS



Vampires just can't resist jazzercise

BLADE: TRINITY

Vampires, shadow conspiracies, and Jessica Biel: yes, yes, and yes.

Out: December 8

Director: David Goyer

Stars: Wesley Snipes, Jessica Biel, Ryan Reynolds, Kris Kristofferson

The story: A shadowy vampire cabal frames Blade for a series of brutal murders, turning him from anonymous do-gooder to public enemy #1. Obviously, Blade needs serious help: Enter the Nightstalkers, a human team of vampire hunters led by Reynolds and a superbuff Biel (whose character, Abigail, is the daughter of Blade's mentor, Whistler) to take the bloodsuckers down.

The buzz: The first two were surprise hits, so it stands to reason that the trilogy will go out with a serious bang.

The question mark: Goyer's now behind the camera after writing the first two installments (he also penned the upcoming *Batman Begins*). But we guarantee you'll see no hotter sight this winter than Biel kicking ass.

We're guessing: ★★★★★



"Taste my in-seam!"

RATINGS:

CARIBBEAN STUD ★★★★★

BLACKJACK ★★★★★

PAI-GOW ★★★★★

PENNY SLOTS ★★★★★

KENO ★★★★★

ALSO PLAYING



NATIONAL TREASURE Out: Nov. 19

Nic Cage hunts for lost treasure, using clues hidden on the dollar bill and the Declaration of Independence. A solid *Da Vinci Code*-style premise, but Cage as an action hero is iffy at best.

We're guessing: ★★★★★



THE SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS MOVIE

Out: Nov. 19

Everyone's favorite undersea-dwelling gay icon for kids finally squishes to the big screen. Hit the snack stand before all the munchies are scarfed.

We're guessing: ★★★★★



THE FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX Out: Dec. 22

In this remake of the Jimmy Stewart classic, a group of crash survivors stranded in the desert try to build a new plane from the wreckage. Dennis Quaid's no Stewart, but it should be decent.

We're guessing: ★★★★★



CLOSER Out: Dec. 3

Jude Law, Julia Roberts, Clive Owen, and Natalie Portman all become entangled in a messy four-way sexual drama. Portman plays a stripper, so the movie has *that* going for it... which is nice.

We're guessing: ★★★★★

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"Don't you want to touch my monkey?"

jobs... and work for these two CEOs named Siegfried and Roy.

Have you ever been to Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden?

Reiner: No, I must go there.

Groff: Last September we spent a really great evening in Roy's house, the Jungle Palace. We had a lion-side dinner.

What have you learned about feline psychology?

Groff: Siegfried and Roy said the tigers are more playful as predators, and the lions just get the job done. A tiger will give you a second chance for fun, and a lion will not. We paint the tigers on our show as much more aristocratic, kind of hedonists, while the lions are more blue-collar.

What's it like working on an animated show, using only your voice?

Reiner: It's nice. You don't have to put makeup on or dress or anything. You can look like I look in the morning.

How would you distinguish DreamWorks' animation from Pixar's?

Katzenberg: I think Pixar is the gold standard, and I'm an enormous fan. But ours is very different. Ours is much more sophisticated; it's coming from more of an adult perspective. Ours is a little subversive.

Is there any comedy out there right now that you're a big fan of?

Reiner: There's so much out there, but I keep missing the ones I want to see. *The Simpsons* always seem to be on when I'm doing something else. I'm always watching CNN or MSNBC to see if the world will blow up. You know what really annoys me about network television? The amount of material for the amount of commercials. It's really getting to be a scandal.

What's the trick to good comedy?

Reiner: I wish I knew. If I knew it, I'd do more of it. The trick to comedy is to state the obvious before anybody else says it. ... to say what is absolutely true, that somebody doesn't have the guts to say. —Scott Stein



> LION KINGS

FESTIVAL OF FUR

Carl Reiner (the voice of elderly lion Sarmoti) and creators Jeffrey Katzenberg and Jonathan Groff growl about *Father of the Pride*.



Carl Reiner
luvs ya!

The cartoon is definitely a bit edgier than most network programming. Were there any roadblocks to getting it on the air?

Groff: Well, there was this incident where Roy got eaten by a tiger... I don't know if you heard about that. That was a bit of a surprise.

Reiner: As soon as the accident happened, people said, "You can't do this show on TV." And the characters do talk a little racily for cartoons—out of their cartoon mouths come these really salty, salty thoughts.

Did you do a lot of research, like going to see Siegfried and Roy's magic show?

Reiner: Don't tell anyone, but I've never actually seen their show. I feel terrible.

Katzenberg: I was in Las Vegas watching their show and kind of daydreaming a little bit, and *Father of the Pride* just hit me. It's an interesting perspective on the life of these lions who get up every day and go to work. They have families, raise their kids, and train for their



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ANIMAL CRACK-UPS

Turning humans into frisky little beasts.

Father of the Pride prides itself on wacky costars, most of whom have been transmuted into zoo animals thanks to the magic of CGI. Who's who?



GET THIS!
> Siegfried and Roy first met on an ocean liner.



Christina Applegate is the voice of Candy.



Dom DeLuise plays Duke.



Lisa Kudrow plays Foo-Lin.



Matt Lauer plays himself.



Danny DeVito plays Emerson.

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> 'I'm a wholesome farm town girl.'

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS GIRL?

Real name:

Kate Koth

Better known as:

Mary Ann on TBS' reality show *The Real Gilligan's Island*

Her story: Just like Mary Ann, the good folks at TBS tell us, Kate was a Kansas girl ("I'm actually from Missouri, the Show Me State!") living on a farm ("I don't live on a farm—I was working in a jewelry factory") when she was deposited on an island with other real-life versions of the TV castaways. OK, so she's not a complete Mary Ann doppelgänger, but she fills a pair of short shorts better than anyone since Daisy Duke. This 21-year-old and her companions will be trying to return to civilization while competing for \$250,000, which means an isle that's more cutthroat, more intense, and more, well, horny. "There's one episode where the Howells try to set up Gilligan and Mary Ann on a date," she says. "You'll have to watch to find out what happens." Island castaways trying to get off, indeed!



CASTAWAY!

> Kate's apple pie won first place in a sixth-grade bake-off.



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"So...how do you guys take the Edge off?"

> ALBUM OF THE MONTH

U2

How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb (Interscope)



Bono has been blathering on for years about U2 being a punk rock band; on this, their 11th album, they finally are. (Goodbye, heartfelt rock chords of *All That You Can't Leave Behind*.) An assault of chunky guitar riffs begins with the muscular, gritty

"Vertigo"—a three-minute blast that would bring a smile to the late Johnny Ramone's face. The cool, sleek, and super-catchy "All Because of You" swaggers like U2 haven't since *Achtung Baby*, while harrowing distortion swells make "Love and Peace or Else" one sinister sermon. Fans of the band's early records will laud the return of producer Steve Lillywhite, as Adam Clayton's bass packs the old "New Year's Day" punch. Some signs of bloating do occasionally surface—see the string-heavy arena ballad "Original of the Species"—and Bono boldly unveils his God complex on the sanctimonious "Yahweh" and "Crumbs From Your Table" (religion just in time for Christmas!), but U2 succeed at being a solid four-piece rock'n'roll band. What a concept. —Bill Crandall

Maxim rating: ★★★★★

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Interpol
Antics

(Matador, 2004)



Snow Patrol

Final Straw

(A&M, 2004)

> RELEASES MAKING NOISE

NEKO CASE
The Tigers Have Spoken

(Anti-) Live albums usually suck. To be fair, alt-country siren Neko Case's latest isn't, by strict definition, a live album—only one of these songs actually appears on her previous recordings. Soulful new tunes include inspired covers (like the raucous Loretta Lynn classic "Rated X") and one devastating rarity ("Favorite"). Yes, they were recorded before crowds. Sounds like we just made an exception. —D.P.

★★★★★

A PERFECT CIRCLE
eMotive

(Virgin) Surprise! Their third album isn't the same derivative Tool side project, but a covers-heavy collection of haunting mood music—assuming the mood you're going for is abject despair. Updating John Lennon's "Imagine" with stark 21st-century pessimism and transforming Marvin Gaye's "What's Going On" into a shadowy dirge, it's not a love-in, but reality checks rarely are. Ah, bitter sobriety. —D.P.

★★★★★

CHINGY
PowerBallin'

(Capitol) Chingy may have a dirty mouth, but he's quite the cunning linguist—brotha can turn "ing" into a six-syllable suffix. On his star-studded second record (featuring nasty folk like Janet Jackson and R. Kelly), the nasally drawling rapper meets a sugar-sweet set of beats. Lyrics vary from gushy ("The way you sweep me off my feet, you should be a broom") to pushy ("Girl, make that ass talk"). How charmi-i-i-i-ng. —B.C.

★★★★★

NAS
Street Disciple

(Ill Will/Sony Urban Music/Columbia) Since Nas can't simply show off nine bullet holes to confirm street cred, he does it with words alone on this autobiographic double-disc set. Disc one veers from profane sexual travelogues to nihilistic political screeds, and part two is even more audacious, with slow jams on fidelity and familial love. (Wait—say what?) It all goes to prove that MCs can speak softly and carry no shtick. —David Sprague

★★★★★

HANDSOME BOY MODELING SCHOOL
White People

(Atlantic) Members of De La Soul, Wu-Tang Clan, Linkin Park, and Franz Ferdinand pitch in for a hip-hop concept record about a modeling school that helps struggling Lotharios get their swerve on. Credit Prince Paul and Dan Nakamura for keeping things in control, weaving together old-school rap, funk-up rock, spliff-friendly reggae, and blue-eyed soul with skits that are actually funny. Consider it the best damn mix tape somebody else made for you. —David Peisner

★★★★★



GET THIS!

> U2 used to be a five-piece band: The Edge's brother unwisely left to form the Virgin Prunes.

RATINGS:

JOSHUA TREE

★★★★★

WAR

★★★★★

ACHTUNG BABY

★★★★★

ZOOROPA

★★★★★

POP

★★★★★

Ugly Duckling
Taste the Secret
(Emperor Norton, 2003)

Dizzee Rascal
Showtime
(XL/Beggars Group, 2004)

Madvillain
Madvillainy
(Stones Throw, 2004)

Loretta Lynn
Van Lear Rose
(Interscope, 2004)

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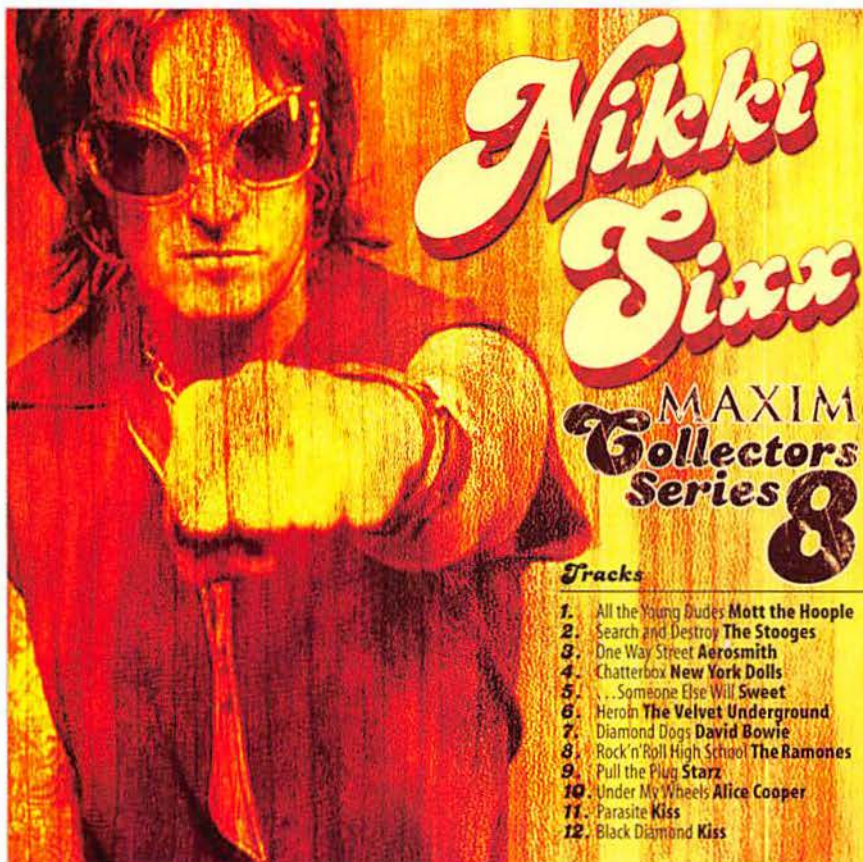
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NIKKI SIXX'S

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The Mötley Crüe man gives tunes to kick-start your heart.



1. "All the Young Dudes" Mott the Hoople
"When I was a teenager, that song came on the radio and it was like, *Oh, my God!* We've done it in rehearsal a few times. It's undeniable."

2. "Search and Destroy" The Stooges
"The greatest rock song ever written. It's just unbelievable. Every time I listen to it I get chills."

3. "One Way Street" Aerosmith
"It's dripping with blues, but at the same time you just feel this snotty punkness."

4. "Chatterbox" New York Dolls
"Any new band today can do that song and have a top-10 single."

5. "...Someone Else Will" Sweet
"The song goes, 'If we don't fuck you, then someone else will.' It's just the truth."

6. "Heroin" The Velvet Underground
"You could make a movie around that song."

7. "Diamond Dogs" David Bowie
"It's like nothing you ever heard. It pours out of

the speakers. It's like it's not audio, it's physical."

8. "Rock'n'Roll High School" The Ramones
"I just think it's so fun."

9. "Pull the Plug" Starz
"Starz were like a cross between Aerosmith and Kiss. They had all the makings of being the biggest band in the world, and they never made it. They were Mötley Crüe before Mötley Crüe."

10. "Under My Wheels" Alice Cooper
"You wanna get educated? Put 'Alice Cooper' into Google. You're gonna go, 'Fuck! That's where Kiss got it.' Lyrically, you can't touch him."

11. "Parasite" Kiss
"Unless you're really a Kiss fan, 'Parasite' doesn't stick out. But it has one of those riffs you learn when you're first playing and you always play it."

12. "Black Diamond" Kiss
"Can I pick two Kiss songs? I love their first two albums. They're so dirty and so raw. It's almost like the band can barely play! It's just great."



GET THIS!

> Tommy Lee and Sixx once picked up a homeless girl and stole her clothes.



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> TINSEL TUNES

CHRISTMAS SONGS THAT DON'T SUCK

The definitive list of the greatest holiday jingles ever written.

1. Bob & Doug McKenzie: "Twelve Days of Christmas" Four pounds of back bacon, three French toast, two turtle necks, and a beer... in a tree, naturally.
2. Run DMC: "Christmas in Hollis" They decide not to rob Santa and discover the true meaning of Christmas: Benjamins!
3. The Everly Brothers: "Christmas Eve Can Kill You" The most depressing Christmas song in existence. Do not listen to it with a loaded gun in the house.
4. Seymour Swine & the Squealers: "Blue Christmas" Elvis' version is a great tune on its own, but sung by a stuttering Porky Pig with a cackling drunk in the background? Now, that's pure genius.
5. Tom Waits: "Christmas Card From a Hooker in Minneapolis" Fantastic suicide music about dead ends, parole, and hopelessness. Happy holidays!
6. Kyle Broflofski: "The Lonely Jew on Christmas" "I'm a Jew / A lonely Jew / I can't be merry / 'Cause I'm Hebrew." *South Park* humor at its finest.

>> MAXIM'S VIDEO >>> OF THE MONTH

EMINEM
"Just Lose It" (Shady/Aftermath)
Shady tries to shock the world... again. This time Em returns from a brief hiatus and hits on Paris Hilton at a bar. She rejects him. Then he hits on Dr. Dre. Then he proceeds to remove all his clothing and go streaking. Tough life

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> GET OUT THE WAY

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He's a rapper, he's a playa, and Fox News windbag Bill O'Reilly hates his guts. What more could a guy hope for?

Why has Bill O'Reilly made it his life's work to kill your endorsement deals? Did you kick his dog or something?

If I knew why he had it in for me, I'd tell you. I bet his kids like me—that's what I'm thinking. They must love me. He even invited me to come on his show, but I didn't think that was a very fair medium for us to meet. That's his domain. He talks over people. He has the power to cut you off whenever he wants.

You've rapped about hos in many area codes. Can you envision settling down with one ho?

Of course. Every man eventually does. Life is all about change... it's just about when that time comes. I'm still young and having fun. But if I settled down, I don't think I'd be rapping about a whole bunch of hos and shit like that. I'm never going to be a rapper that's not living what I'm talking about.

As a well-known strip-dub connoisseur, how would you design your own club?

I'd have three different levels: The first level, women have bikinis on. The next level, they take their tops off. The third level, they get all the

way rowdy. It would cost more money the farther you went up the stairs. I'd just design it to be a real sexy place. Probably satin on the wall or some shit like that—real upscale instead of looking trashy. Because how it looks is how people feel when they're inside.

Your new album is your second in a little over a year, plus you act. When the hell do you sleep?

Sleep is the cousin of death, man. If I want to retire at an early age, I gotta keep working right now. Get it while it's good. If you're outta sight, you're outta mind. —David Peisner

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the audience needs
to ogle you first."

> MUST OWN

SPIDER-MAN 2

Release date: **November 30**

The biggest movie of 2004 (that didn't involve the Bush administration or Jesus getting a biblical ass-whooping), *Spider-Man 2* also bucked the usual sequel trend by not sucking donkey cock—in fact, it even managed to improve on the original. Maybe it was because Alfred Molina's sinister Doc Ock was a much better villain than Willem Dafoe's Green Power Ranger, or maybe it was the improved special effects, or maybe it was director Sam Raimi's occasional doses of pure comedy. Whatever the reason, *SM2* was the most fun we had in theaters this summer.

Naturally, the DVD will give us ample opportunity to rewatch all the cool stuff we missed the first time. (Curse you, blinking!)

Extra! The two-disc set comes packed with multiangle scene sequences, commentaries (with Raimi and Tobey Maguire), bloopers, music videos, and featurettes on everything from the stunts to the sound effects. We'd ask for a Bruce Campbell cameo retrospective, but that would be just plain greedy.

Trivia: The movie features cameos by two other *Spider-Man* villains: Dr. Curt Connors (a.k.a. the Lizard) and John Jameson (a.k.a. Man-Wolf). And the platform from Spidey and Doc Ock's brutal subway battle was filmed in Chicago (lower Manhattan no longer has an el train) and superimposed on the buildings of N.Y.C.

Movie: ★★★★★
Special features: ★★★★★



"So...afraid...
of heights..."

> WORTH WATCHING

THE BOURNE SUPREMACY

Release date: **December 7**

Speaking of sequels that don't suck: *The Bourne Supremacy* is an adrenaline shot of a movie that will have people who slept through the first one scrambling to catch up. Matt Damon returns as forgetful spy Jason Bourne, who must once again take on his former bosses when his idyllic "retirement" is violently cut short. What ensues is a rapid-fire succession of fistfights, brisk walking, car chases, and subsequent wrecks that'll blow away even the most hardcore NASCAR fan. James Bond is too old and Xander Cage is a joke—long live Bourne!

Extra! A feature called "Bourne Diagnosis" takes a serious look at the effects of amnesia, while separate features on the fight scenes and the car chase should answer all those nagging "How'd they do that?" questions.

Trivia: There are actually different kinds of amnesia, like lacunar amnesia (the inability to remember a specific event), posthypnotic amnesia (memory loss sustained from, duh, hypnosis), and our favorite, Korsakoff's syndrome (loss of memory due to alcoholism).

Movie: ★★★★★
Special features: ★★★★★

> ALSO PLAYING



DODGEBALL: A TRUE UNDERDOG STORY

Out: Dec. 7 **Director:** Rawson Marshall Thurber
Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn hurl swears and balls at each other as rival gym owners in a Vegas showdown. And, no, the story's not true.

We're guessing: ★★★★★



SEINFELD GIFT SET

Out: December 7
After years of whining by wannabe Kramers, out come three seasons in one box set. Take in all the annoying New Yorkers you can handle.

We're guessing: ★★★★★



HERO

Out: November 30 **Director:** Zhang Yimou
Jet Li and thousands of invisible wires combine to tell a beautiful and violent tale of the first emperor of China. What? No General Tso?

We're guessing: ★★★★★



THE TERMINAL

Out: November 23 **Director:** Steven Spielberg
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SARUMAN, UNCUT

Christopher Lee is back in the *Return of the King* extended edition DVD.

Why were you cut from the theatrical version of *The Return of the King*?
I have to be fairly careful what I say because I signed a confidentiality agreement. But I always say, "I don't know," which is a truthful answer: I do not know. Everybody knows that at the end of the second film, Isengard is virtually destroyed and Saruman

and Grima are left ruined. So, obviously, everybody who went to the cinema said, "Wait a minute... that's the last we see of Saruman? What happened to him?"

Certainly everyone would have stayed a few extra minutes to see the scene.

As I say, I don't know. I'm not being secretive about this. I just don't know. I remember I shot it twice. And I assumed, naturally, that it would be in the film.

Didn't you boycott the premiere?

No, I didn't boycott it. That is totally untrue. I said, "I don't suppose I'd be going to the film. What would be the point?" Boycotting originally comes from the name of an Englishman, Charles Boycott—it's like a condemnation. That's total nonsense, and I've got to set the record straight.

If Saruman and *Star Wars*' Count

Dooku were to fight, who would win?

They're from two different worlds. It would be a fight to the death, certainly. *Dooku*, incidentally, comes from *doku*, the Japanese word for

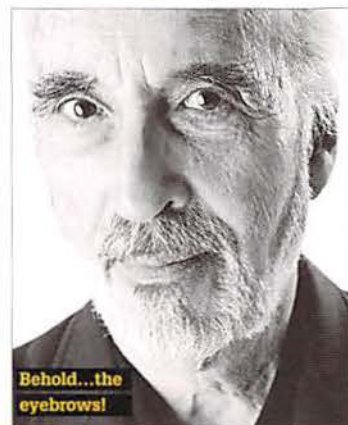
poison, I was told. We don't know if Dooku is 1,000 years old, but Saruman is. They are both immensely powerful, but I think the wizard has a slight edge: He's older and has more magic at his disposal. It would certainly be a tremendous film.

Tell us about your new project, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

I am very fond of Tim Burton. And I am also fond of Johnny Depp. I think he is just about the best actor of his generation.

Are most people afraid of you?

Oh, no. They might say that in a film they found me slightly unnerving. But they always say, "I do so enjoy your movies." It's imaginary, most of it. They don't expect me to produce a lightsaber from under my jacket. They don't expect me to turn them into something horrid with my magician's wand. —Scott Stein



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METAL GEAR SOLID 3: SNAKE EATER

Konami [●●]

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Maxim rating: ★★★★★



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STAR WARS KNIGHTS OF THE OLD REPUBLIC II: THE SITH LORDS LucasArts [●●●] This action/RPG set in a world way before Jar Jar gives you the option to take the path of most fun. Meaning, of course, the Dark Side. Maxim rating: ★★★★★

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[●●●●] Want to unlock all the golfers and courses? Just enter "THEGANTOYSTER" in the password menu. Always been your fantasy to play as Justin Timberlake? Enter "THE-TENNESSEKID."

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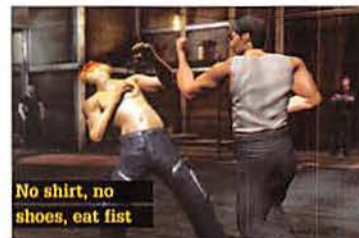
DEAD OR ALIVE ULTIMATE

Tecmo [●●]

If jiggly knockouts kickboxing each other in multitiered, destructible environments isn't enough for you, taking their matches online with Xbox Live should be your Viagra. A four-player tag-team mode lets players heckle from the sidelines as you hurl rivals through stained glass or use them as human sleds.

Bonus: a second disc with the original DOA for old-school action.—Alex Porter

Maxim rating: ★★★★★



No shirt, no shoes, eat fist

FIGHT CLUB

Vivendi Universal [●●●]

The first rule of the *Fight Club* game: Don't talk about the movie being five years old. The second rule of the *Fight Club* game: Take a moment to admire Bob's beautifully rendered bitch tits. Weekend warriors head-butt and hamstring rivals into bloody submission across basements, parking lots, and private compounds. Sharp graphics aside, though, like soap made from human fat, it still makes us feel like something's been recycled.—Scott Steinberg

Maxim rating: ★★★★★



VIEWTIFUL JOE 2

Capcom [●●●●] Cartoonish Japanese hijinks ensue as Joe (the viewtiful one) and his gal, Silvia, enter a movie world and become action heroes. Classic 2-D gaming meets new-school comic-book-esque graphics. Nerd out in style!

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THE URBZ: SIMS IN THE CITY

Electronic Arts [●●●●]

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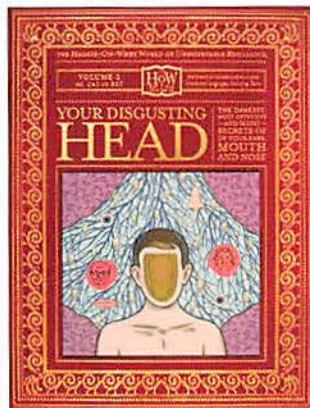
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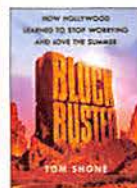


By Dr. and Mr. Doris Haggis-on-Whey
(Simon & Schuster, \$17)

Haven't you always wondered what's inside that dandruff-ridden bag of meat between your ears? Well, now's your chance to find out... sort of. From the snarky eggheads at McSweeney's who gave us *Giraffes? Giraffes!* comes what appears to be an educational tome for children; instead, it's full of absolute nonsense. Learn that your emotions are made in a cupboard behind your left eyebrow. Discover that inside your nose is a bakery and a hardware store. And terrify tykes with the news that two presidents didn't have mouths. All lies, accompanied by copious illustrations, like instructions for knitting a tongue cozy. For folks who dig randomness, it's hilarious (for everyone else, it'll help if you're stoned). Regardless, it's a great way to start off your nephew's miseducation while still looking like the "good uncle." —*Scott Stein*

Maxim rating: ★★★★★

BLOCKBUSTER



By Tom Shone (Free Press, \$26)

A long time ago (in a galaxy not so far away), movies were boring—or at least different. Tom Shone's history of how the rise of the blockbuster has changed the movie business forever begins with *Jaws* and moves through classics like *Star Wars*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, and the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, rounded out by interviews with cowboys of the genre, including Spielberg, Lucas, and Robert Zemeckis. The next time you pretend to be a movie executive, give this book a spin. You'll be ready to talk out your ass in Hollywood like a pro. —*Greg Williams*

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BURLESQUE: LEGENDARY STARS OF THE STAGE



By Jane Briggeman (Collectors Press, \$40)

Ogling topless women can be educational! Tell that to your girlfriend when she catches you reading this book. *Burlesque* takes a long, lecherous look at the racy stage show tradition that featured sassy dames with timeless names like Eartha Quake and the Bazoom Girl, who tossed off one-liners along with their brassieres. This coffee-table history, packed with pinup photos and vintage show posters, tells the real stories of the hot mamas who showed off their brassiness as well as their bits. Wow Grandpa and confound your gal while you sneak off to Hooters. —*John DeVore*

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> THE FINE PRINT

WEAPONS OF THE NAVY SEALS

By Kevin Dockery
(Berkley Books, \$27)
The Vietcong called U.S. Navy SEALs the "devils with green faces." But they've also got cool toys! More than gun porn, this is a fascinating history of America's premier special ops outfit, balancing stats with tales of heroic ass-kicking. It's a reference and a catalog!

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By George Kalinsky
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SNOOP DOGG

He's a West Coast founding father of rap, an actor, a porn MC, and a reality TV show pioneer. We sat down and talked shop with an even stranger incarnation: Snoop the grownup.

HIS DAWGS



Oakland Raiders
The Raiderettes are a nice touch, but it's players like Warren Sapp and Ronald Curry ("He's no joke!") that keep Snoop watching his West Coast boys.



Minnesota Vikings
"Randy Moss is a bad mother-fucker. He loves to win, and he brings up everybody around him. He does his job like I do mine."



Pittsburgh Steelers
Snoop's prediction for AFC Super Bowl team is the Iron City underdog crew of Plaxico Burress, Roethlisberger, Porter, and the Bus.

You're best known as the godfather of gangsta and an herb aficionado. So naturally, our first question is: Who do you have in the Super Bowl?

Steelers-Vikings. Randy Moss is my nigga! He's always against the odds—two or three people around him and he always comes out with the ball somehow.

And what do you think of Ricky Williams' retirement?

He's a friend of mine, and whatever he decides to do, I'm with him. I wish him the best of luck. People don't understand football puts your body through a lot of physical abuse. You gotta take off if you want to survive. Rick is basically sayin', "You know what? I don't want to injure myself! If I do come back, it's 'cause I wanna come back." Look at Earl Campbell. He rushed for all those yards, and now he can't walk right. And the NFL ain't lookin' out for him or helpin' him have any money or whatnot.

Speaking of old-school, Eazy-E has been getting more respect lately...

People were always talking about Biggie and Tupac and not thinking about the stars who paved the way. Eazy-E's legacy has always been there because of NWA, so it was only a matter of time before he got his.

Who else should get more recognition?

All the legends get their due. I personally would like to give it up for people like Curtis Mayfield and Marvin Gaye, from back even before the rap generation.

Are any of those classic influences on your new album?

I've got some Marvin on there.

What else?

I'm my own worst critic, but I know *R&G: The Masterpiece* really is a masterpiece, you know? I'm proud of it on every level. I love the beats. It's a different side of me: Snoop Dogg as an adult. It's still gangsta, but at the same time it's mature... without being corny.

Well, you are a parent now. How do your two sons see you? As Snoop Dogg the rap star or Snoop Dogg the movie star?

It's Snoop Dogg the father, the daddy. They understand the difference. Our relationship is like a roller coaster, but it's for the better.

What's something about Snoop the father that's more soccer-momish than people would expect?

I coach my son in football. I push him to help him. I had no one pushing me when I was

young, and I made it. He doesn't have to be no rapper, he doesn't have to be famous, but he's gonna be the best at whatever he does. He knows his father's got his back.

How do you separate being a star from being a dad?

I don't try to keep 'em separate. I want my sons to understand everything about their father so if something happens to me, they won't have to read no book to find out what their dad was like. From fuckin' with me now, my sons will know how I get down—what I do, what I don't do, what I allow and what I don't allow—because our relationship is so open.

People were shocked when you left Death Row and worked with No Limit. What did you learn there that helped your career?

People thought Master P was a country bumpkin who got lucky. But he really understood the business. He showed me how to come back and how to make opportunities for other people. After that I just kept it gangsta. I started working with whoever I wanted to work with and made friends with people, which showed I had no hate in my heart.

And now Hollywood loves you. What's your next movie role?

I'm working on this movie called *The Tenants*. I play a writer from the '70s who has just gotten out of jail and is writing a book. It's a great movie, something completely different from what you're used to seeing me in.

You mean like *Girls Gone Wild*?

I feel one day I will be in a position to win an Academy Award if I show them my acting is capable. Nobody does it better than me on every level of the game. When it's time to make hit records, Snoop Dogg does his thing. And I want to be known for that in the movie world too.

What kinds of roles do you think are going to help you do that?

It's just a matter of being consistent. In the beginning, I just wanted to be a part of a movie and make money. Now it's about creativity—what is this role doing for me and my future as an actor? It's about having the best role to showcase my skills.

Are you still gonna produce porn?

I'm definitely coming with another one! I had fun making those videos, so I'm going to keep doing them. It's a market that was untapped.

No pun intended, we're sure...

My music depicts that, and sometimes I need to

visually show what I'm sayin'. I just shot one on the Projekt Revolution tour.

You were one of the first true West Coast gangsta rappers out there. How do you feel now that the genre is the biggest thing in music?

The West doesn't get its proper due as far as the video and the radio because we're so gangsta. We're always treated the worst. But everybody around the world is tryin' to go gangsta, and the radio is playing them.

How much is the West responsible for what's popular now?

We're the reason for gangsta. KRS-One came out with it on *Criminal Minded*. He got educational for a while, which is a beautiful thing—we needed that education. NWA followed up with *Straight Outta Compton* and you know they kept it fully gangsta!

Do you feel like other West Coast artists are getting it together right now?

It is getting better. It feels like a movement. When it's me out solo, it's like the lone dog that's shooting these oppositions. If we just stick together, we'll be all right.

You still rap on mix tapes a lot. What do you like about that medium?

It's opened a lot of doors for me, and I'm a big artist. It keeps me intact with the streets and lets the streets know I care about them. It says I'm not too big to the point that you have to wait two years to hear a Snoop Dog record; you can hear from me every three or four months.

You also do a ton of collaborations. Have you ever done one where you couldn't really click with someone?

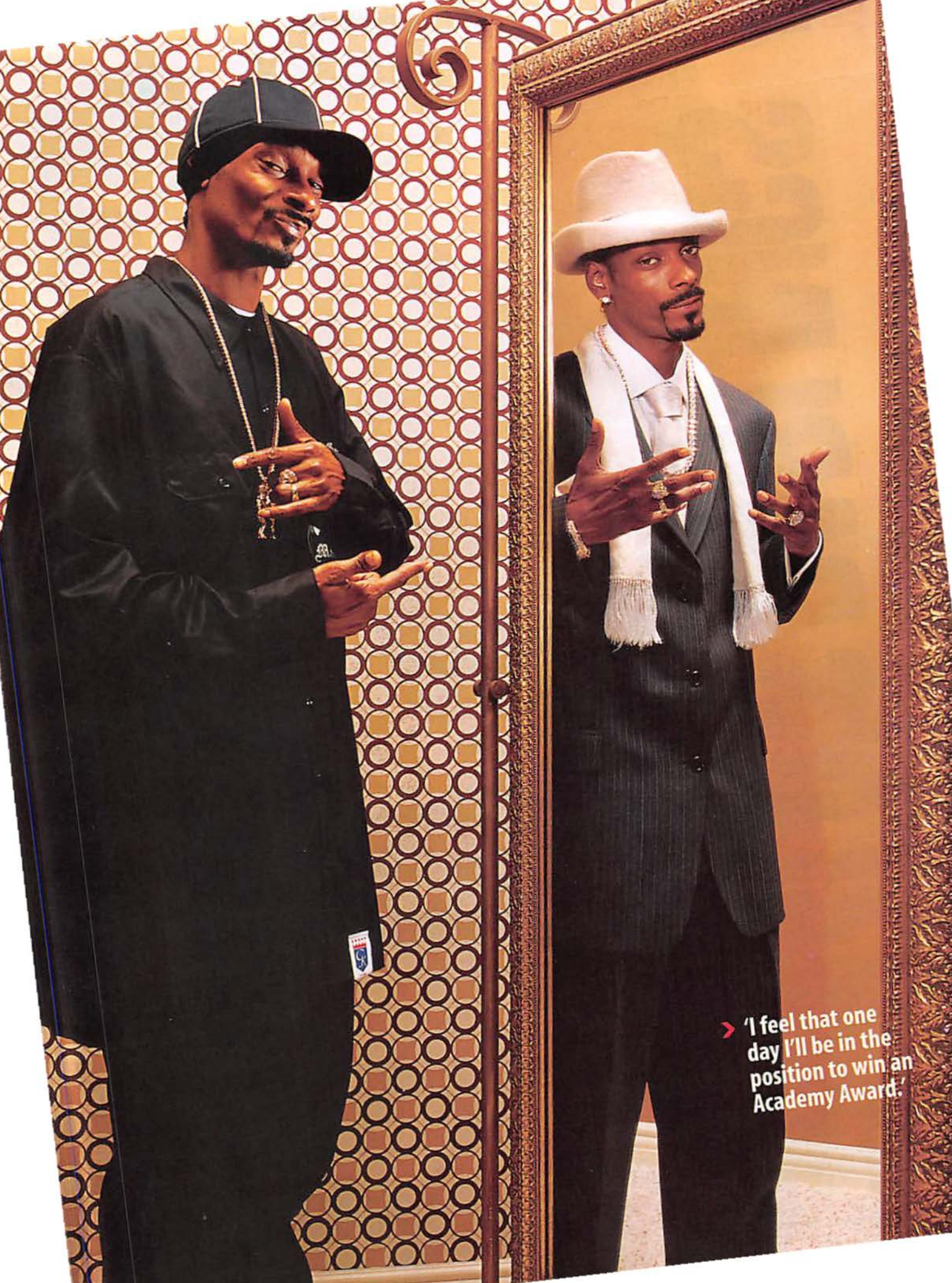
I don't just collaborate with people for work. It can't be someone who's just hot right now. I can't do that.

So what makes these collaborations happen?

Well, in the situation with Chingy, he was a new artist. But Ludacris is my boy, and Chingy is Ludacris' artist. Ludacris asked if I'd work with Chingy as a favor to him. Now Chingy's one of the best new artists in the game! Swizz Beatz asked me to get down with Young Wun, and Jay-Z wanted me to get down with Memphis Bleek. I'm down with givin' a young artist an opportunity—if I'm down with your captain. M



Interview by Donnell Alexander. *R&G: Rhythm & Gangsta: The Masterpiece* (DoggyStyle/StarTrak/Geffen) is out now.



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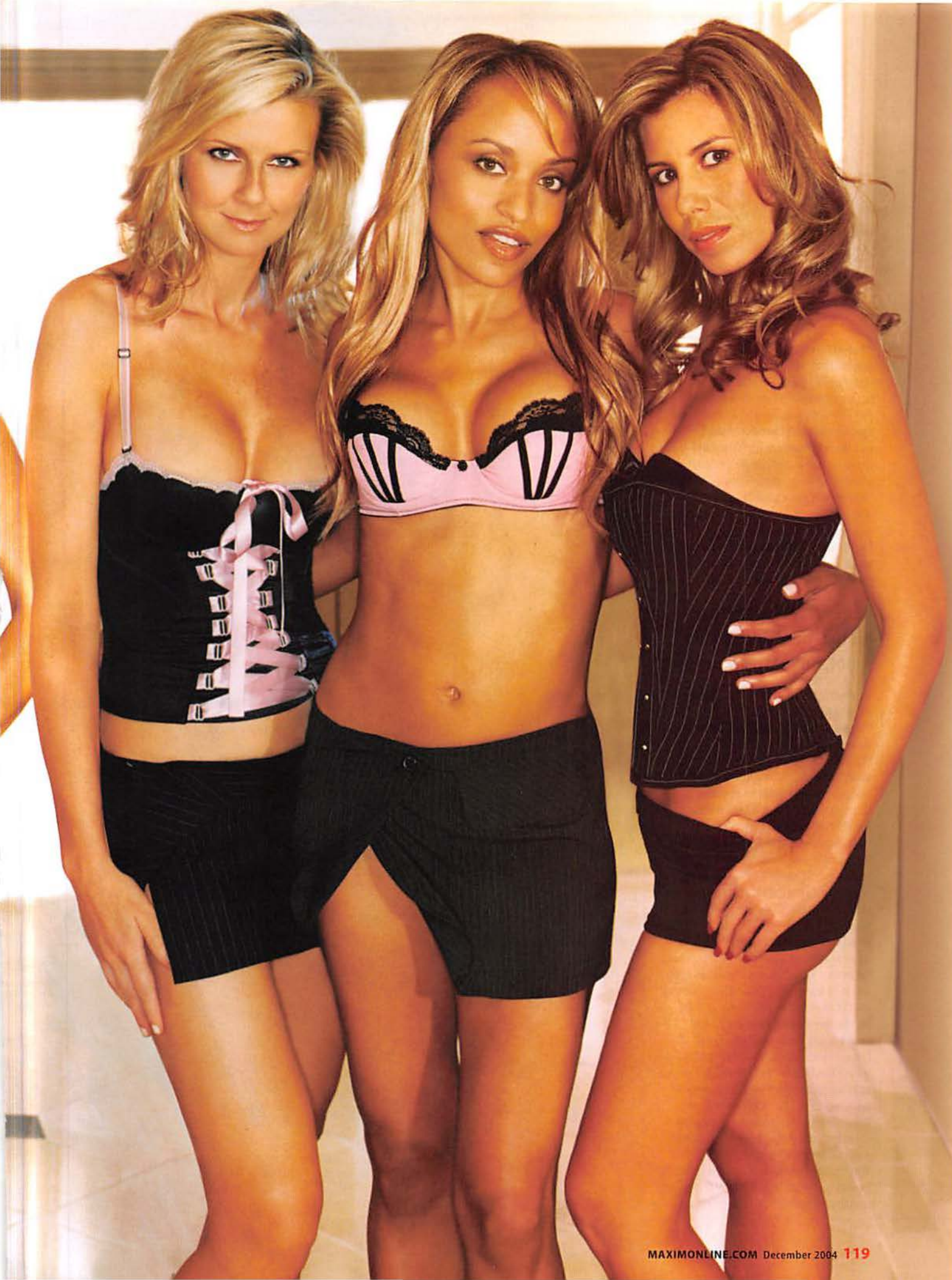
APPRENTICES

DONALD'S DARLINGS

INTERVIEWS BY SEAN CUNNINGHAM
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The new generation of *Apprentice* gals: smarter, sexier, even more determined to destroy each other. We find out what they're like outside the boardroom.





MARIA

Age: 31

Hometown: Virginia Beach

Profession: Marketing executive

What experiences did *The Apprentice* provide that weren't in your normal life?

I definitely did things I've never done before. In fact, my mother called last week and said, "I didn't know that you knew how to use a mop!" Speaking of stuff that would startle Mom, was there off-camera hanky-panky? The women are just so incredibly tough this season. Most of the men looked at us and said, "Who in God's name would be married to you women?" We were more about business than we were about sex.

That's funny, because Stacie J said there was a whole lotta extracurricular activity going on. Any comment?

'When Donald Trump gets his hair done for a photo shoot, huge screens go up.'

Oh, wow! That's awesome! I mean, interesting. It's certainly not awesome. *Interesting.*

Did you find any of the Donald's possessions exceptionally impressive?

His fiancée Melania is stunning. I think that shows his fabulous taste and love of beauty.

Were there any lighter boardroom moments with Trump when he wasn't humiliating and firing people?

Every once in a while he would crack a joke in the middle of a meeting. He'd say, "Guys, I assume you like the ladies. I myself like the ladies. How do you feel about Melania, for example? Huh? Huh?" We were all thinking, *Where is this going?*

How important is sex appeal?

It's very important to be feminine in business, but when it comes down to it, you need to be able to sit down with a CEO and hold your own and not be viewed as purely a sexual being.

So, the question all Americans need answered: Is the Donald's hair real?

I have no evidence that it's real or fake, but I can tell you that I threw a party for the first episode, and I wanted to have these little toupees as party favors. I can also tell you that when Donald Trump gets his hair done for a photo shoot, huge screens go up. Super top-secret stuff going on back there.

Who's sexier: the Donald or George Ross?

I would say Donald, just because of his age. He's probably the sexier of the two of them, yes. ►

JENNIFER L.

Age: 31**Hometown:** New York City**Profession:** Funny story about that...**Got any skeletons in the closet?**

I used to work at *Maxim*. I was a photo editor. I was on the other side of the camera.

Which side do you prefer?

I don't know! It's safer in back of the camera. It's more fun in front.

How was life during filming?

We didn't eat. We didn't sleep. They fed us alcohol when we were at our most tired; hence the catfighting. You just finished a task. You're going to find out whether you won or lost—add a little alcohol to the mix and all hell breaks loose.

Any lovin' in the midst of the catfights?

Oh, God! I certainly wasn't having any affairs. But if I had an affair, it would've been with Raj! The bow ties work for me.

You had the experience of being fired by the Donald... then lost your actual real estate job, reportedly due to your "two old Jewish ladies" comments. Reaction?

I don't have a prejudiced bone in my body. That said, we live in a day and age where you have to completely censor yourself. My family is half-Jewish. We would constantly tease each other. My brother is a kosher Jew. I would tease him. He's eating meat at dinner: "You want a glass of milk with that?"

Get a lot of calls about the controversy?

My voice mail holds up to 40 messages. I had to clear it three times.

Do you have nightmares where the Donald says, "You're fired"?

I'm still dreaming about what I should have said to Donald Trump. It's really incredible to think he had that much mind control.

Any happier times with Trump?

We had a photo shoot with Donald. I had this crazy hair for it. I remember Donald looked at me—I hadn't seen him since I'd been fired—and the first thing he said to me: "Nice hair," I said, "Right back at ya, big guy!"

How important is sex appeal?

Truth of the matter is sex appeal is important in business. On the restaurant test, we could have had more fun. Ladies, this is a women's team. We don't have to wear a nun's uniform here!

Returning to hair, is the Donald's real?

I believe his hair is real. If you have a billion dollars and every toy in the world, who am I to complain about the hair?

Who's sexier: the Donald or George Ross?

I don't know if the viewers get to see it, but George is such a funny character. And I find that quite sexy. George, you go, you rock star! ►

'Sex appeal is important in business. The ladies could have had more fun.'



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Age: 28

Hometown: Rockville, MD

Profession: Bridal salon owner

You're a successful businesswoman. Suddenly, *The Apprentice* comes along and you're living in a glorified dorm and selling ice cream on the street. Bit of a tough transition?

It was very exciting for me because I attended the University of Maryland but didn't live on campus. I always lived at home with my parents. Finally, I got my college experience at age 28!

Our college experience could be summed up in one word: booze. Yours?

When you get out of that boardroom, the first thing you want to do is grab a Sam Adams or a glass of wine. You definitely need something to take the edge off.

'I always lived at home with my parents. Finally, I got my college experience at 28!'

Let's see, people living together in a stressful, drunken environment. Sounds like a recipe for hooking up...

I think the men and women had kind of a sibling relationship. If you walked by somebody in a towel, or you're in a towel running down the hall because you have to meet Donald Trump, you don't think, *Ooh, look at him*. The men... they were the enemy! I always had my guard up.

Was there really as much catfighting as we saw on TV?

I would say 30 percent of the time we loved each other and 70 percent of the time we were angry because we were losing. We were on a losing streak. I'm sure when the Yankees go on a losing streak, they're upset with each other, too!

How important is sex appeal?

I think femininity is definitely important. It's a cliché, but you honestly have to look good to feel good. As a female, if you're soft and elegant, everyone appreciates that. Last season sexuality on the women's team was talked about so much. We wanted to do everything to stay away from that. We tried to take the high road, but we took it too seriously, too literally. We didn't sex it up as much as we could have.

Is the Donald's hair real?

I'd love to run my fingers through it. I think we should be able to do a pull test!

Who's sexier: the Donald or George Ross?

George is like a teddy bear! I think the Donald is 100 times sexier than George. ▶



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**AGE:** 35**HOMETOWN:** New York City**PROFESSION:** Model/restaurateur

You were fired amid accusations that you were crazy. Are you?

My firing, overall, was a joke. I had to take mental tests, IQ tests, and physical tests to be on this show. To be fired in the manner I was, to have them saying, "Oh, you're crazy!" just doesn't fly. I have eight employees, I pay taxes—I don't have the luxury to be crazy in New York. I think Donald Trump got bamboozled by the women. To me that's a joke.

So how do you feel about your former cast mates? Any hard feelings?

I think these girls all have issues, and I think they all lack character and integrity, except for Pam. I think Pam is a nice person overall.

Did you like Donald Trump?

We bonded right away. I know he had respect for me. I felt the same way toward him. The reason I decided to do the show was that I've

'These girls all have issues, and I think they all lack character and integrity.'

wanted to work for only two people in my life. Donald happened to be one of them.

And the other?

Don King.

Great... a convicted killer. What went on at *The Apprentice* after-hours?

Some things I saw with some of these women... they definitely crossed over the line. Half these people were married, so I was really shocked. If I give examples, they might wind up losing their marriages. I couldn't believe it.

How important is sex appeal? Can it help a girl get an edge over a guy?

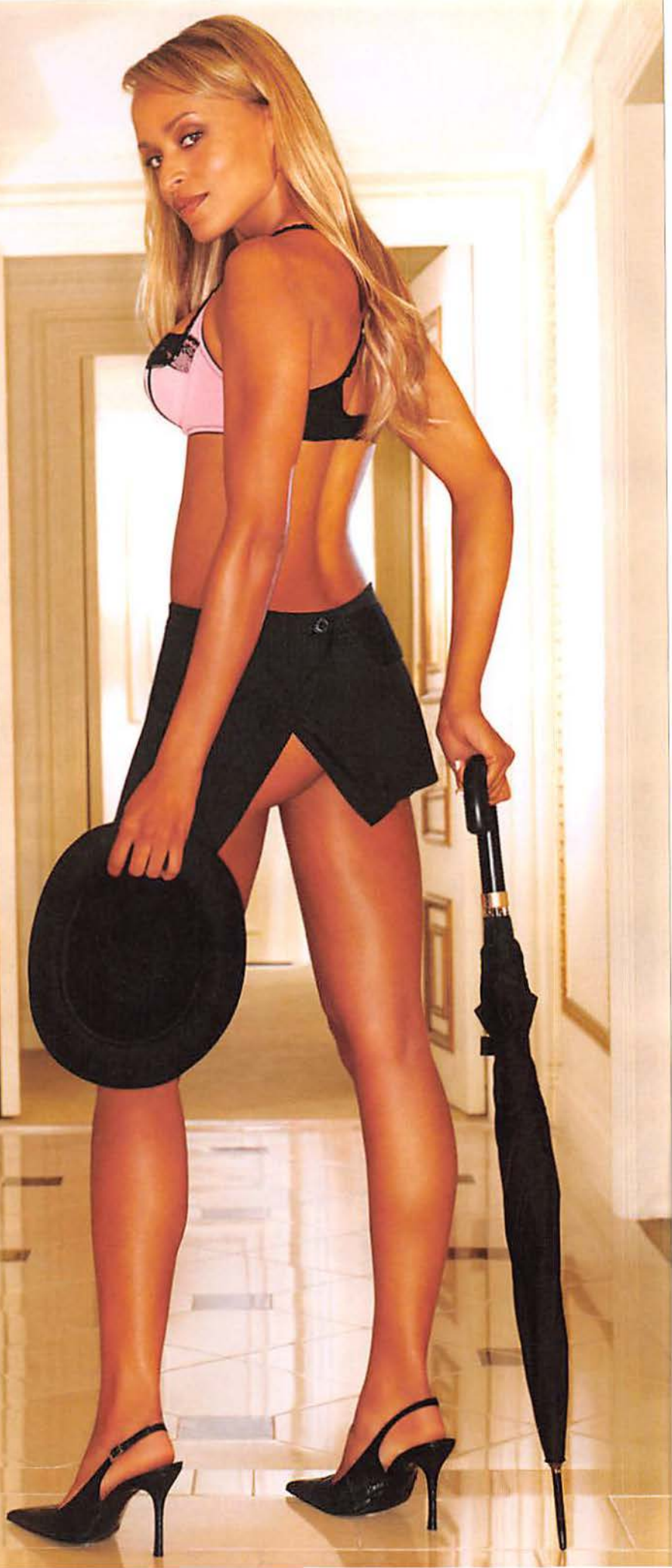
Men want to know that their women are women. In the ice cream task, we could have been sexier. Look at the men. They got really dressed up in their little bow ties. They looked really good. In business you need to walk a fine line: You use your sex appeal just enough to tempt a man. Let the man think there's a possibility, but then pull back. It should always be used in business.

So what the hell's the deal with the Donald's hair? Is it real?

It looked better in person. Yeah, it's real.

Who's sexier: the Donald or George Ross?

Oh, my God, definitely Donald Trump! ▶



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**AGE:** 32**HOMETOWN:** San Francisco**PROFESSION:** Investment firm partner**What did you most dislike on the show?**

There were two things that made me pretty uncomfortable: the behavior of the women cast mates and the behavior of the male cast mates! The behavior of the women at times was unnerving, to be kind. The behavior of the men—they're really not illustrating it much on the show—was abysmal. I was shocked.

Any examples of boys being boys?

Raj couldn't keep his hand off my knee. I couldn't make great friends with the women because I was the enemy, and I couldn't make great friends with the men because I was the enemy.

Was there any point when you thought, *These people can't go any lower?*

Oh, yeah! I was shocked at what some people would say on-camera. Discussions about what it's like to have sex with their wives. One woman actually took an electric toothbrush and gave it a blow job. Some women got so drunk they all started doing cheers from their cheerleading days in high school, piling on each other, and talking about the size of their boyfriends' penises. Things that I do not want on-camera.

Did misbehavior extend into the bedroom?

I didn't see that go on. There was a lot of talk about masturbation. A lot of talk about masturbation. Probably a little too much.

What did you think of the show's contests?

You look at these tasks, these are not business tasks. These are tedious tasks. A business task is analysis or writing something, not standing out in the street with a damn candy bar. C'mon!


How important is sex appeal?

The more I work in business, the more aware I'm becoming of it and the more I'm embracing it. I'm so much more comfortable about having my sexuality be part of my persona. I think that just comes with maturity.

Is the Donald's hair real?

The hair is an enigma. That would have been an interesting task: to try to discern and unravel the hair. But, no, they had us selling ice cream.

Who's sexier: the Donald or his henchman George Ross?

I love George. He and I could be best friends. But probably Donald's better in bed. That's just a hunch, though. 



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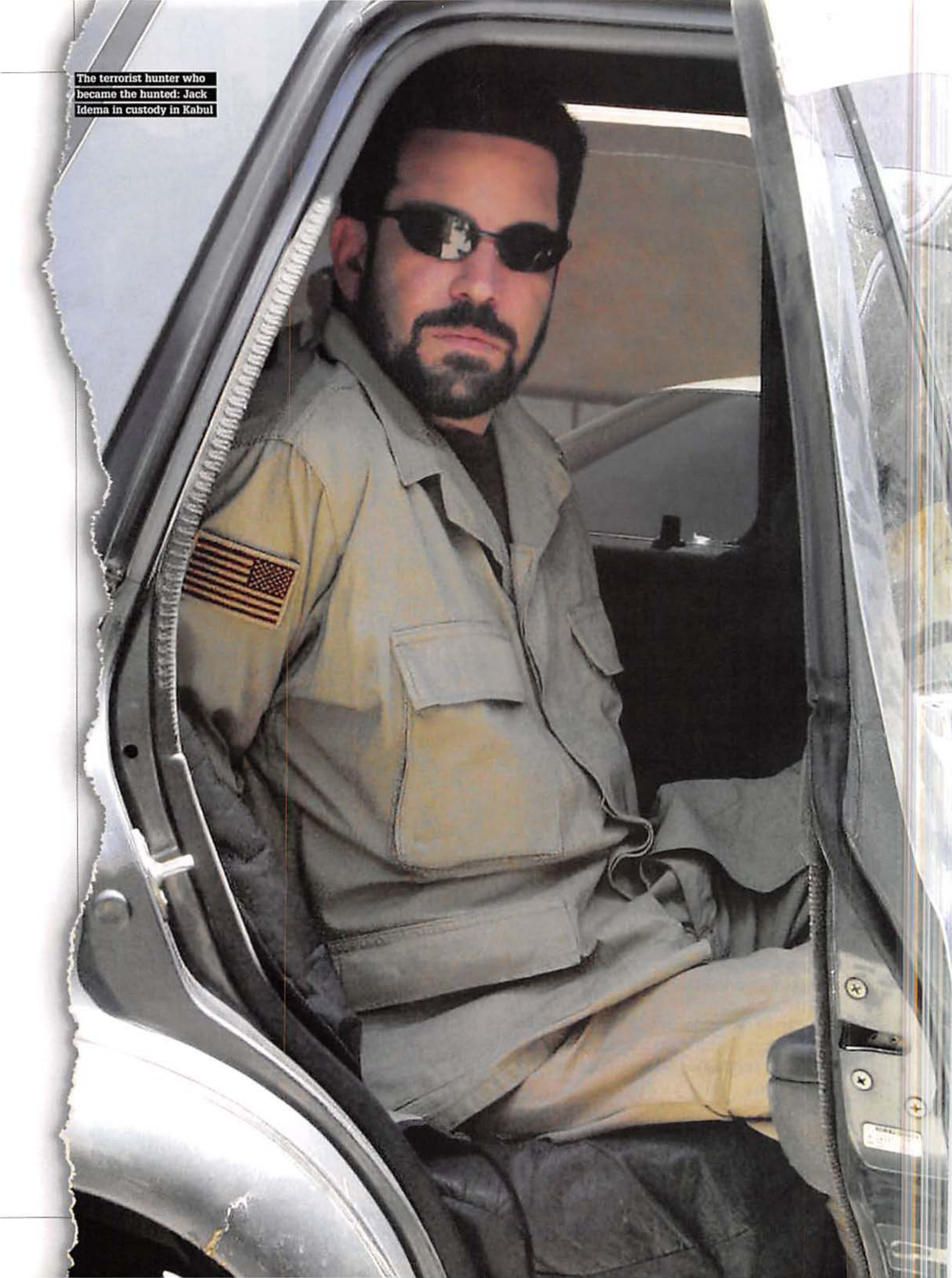
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The terrorist hunter who
became the hunted: Jack
Idema in custody in Kabul



WHO THE HELL IS JACK IDEMA?

Sentenced to 10 years in an Afghan jail, Jack Idema claims he was cut loose by the Pentagon while on a top-secret mission. Is he simply a deluded freelance bounty hunter, or an American hero?

The first time I met Jonathan "Jack" Keith Idema, he was wearing fatigues, a black T-shirt, combat boots, and black Ray Bans. He strode across the hotel lobby like he owned the place. It was late December 2001. The Spin Ghar Hotel, the only habitable hotel in Jalalabad, was packed with exhausted journoes covered in dust, all worried about how to get home for Christmas.

We had just come down from the mountains after covering the failed hunt for Osama bin Laden in the Tora Bora caves. Many of us hadn't seen a shower in two weeks. But Idema looked fresh and clean. Which was remarkable, considering he'd just driven five hours over the dusty, crater-strewn highway from Kabul.

A female colleague and I both thought the

same thing: *Who the hell is this yahoo? He's a little late for the party.* Right then Idema gravitated toward us, probably because we were the only women in sight. He introduced himself as Jack. I asked him what he was doing in Jalalabad. In a hushed tone he said, "I'm Donald Rumsfeld's special representative to the Northern Alliance. My mission is kind of quiet. You see, I'm on the ranch. I can tell you guys because I know you can keep a secret."

With that my bullshit bells started ringing.

"So where are you from? What is your mission?" I asked him.

"I'm advising the Northern Alliance," he replied. "I can't tell you any more than that."

At that moment Hazrat Ali, the local warlord,

and half a dozen of his bodyguards arrived. Idema moved to greet the warlord and usher him into a ground-floor meeting room. A few minutes later, Idema came out and offered us a press conference for \$100 a head.

"Do you guys know who this Jack person is?" I asked a nearby photographer.

"Yeah, we know Jack," he answered. "We like to call him Jack Shit."

The photographer sized up Idema as a war tourist who had upgraded to tour operator. A half-dozen journalists had paid him \$1,000 a head for a ride from Kabul to Tora Bora, with exclusive press conferences.

I heard later that Idema had told Ali that the journalists were actually Pentagon officials. ►



The wanted poster appeared before Idema's arrest.

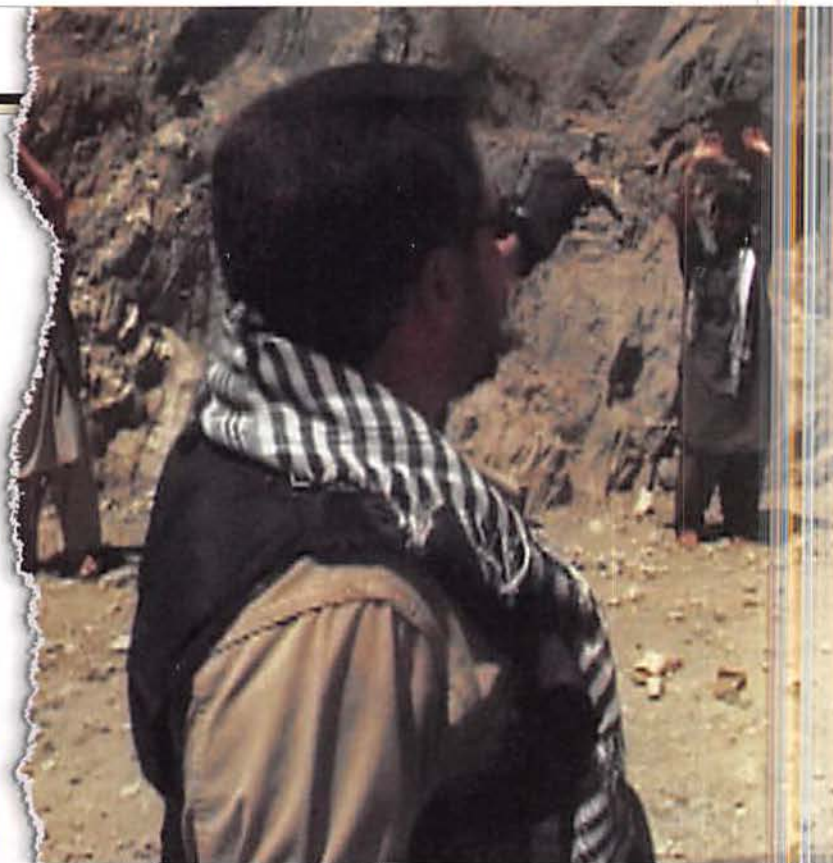
Every American male has dreamed of capturing bin Laden. Idema intended to do it.



Nov. 2001: Idema advises Northern Alliance troops as they fight in Tora Bora.



Idema and Bennett line up suspects against a wall.



He persuaded the warlord to give them a briefing, arguing it would boost his standing with the Pentagon. I couldn't help but be impressed at how effectively Idema had worked both sides.

Last July, when I heard that Idema, now 48, and two other Americans had been arrested in Kabul for setting up their own detention facility and torturing eight Afghans, I wasn't that surprised. By then I also knew Idema was a convicted felon and ex-Green Beret who'd come to Afghanistan to fight for America and hunt for bin Laden. In jail Idema was making his usual extravagant claims: "We would have had bin Laden in less than 30 days," he told the AP. He swore the men he'd detained had been plotting to kill Afghan officials and blow up Bagram Air Base. Rumsfeld knew all about it, he said, an assertion that Pentagon officials were flatly denying. It sounded like Idema had finally gone off the deep end, and now innocent Afghans had paid for it.

But one thing didn't make sense: How could a guy with a mouth as big as Idema's run around arresting and interrogating people without someone knowing about it?

INTO THE JACKRABBIT HOLE

Every American male with a drop of red in his veins has fantasized about capturing bin Laden. Idema was a guy who actually intended to do it, a civilian who left his job and his wife and sold his truck to get money to come to Afghanistan. For Idema, hunting bin Laden was more than mere fantasy. But his harshest critics say that most of his life has been exactly that.

Idema's past is a rabbit hole of hard-to-verify but tantalizing claims. Depending on whom you ask, he could be an ultrapatriotic American James

Bond, a dangerously psychotic wannabe, or a strange hybrid of the two.

The son of a Pentagon secretary and a retired marine, he grew up in Poughkeepsie, New York. He became obsessed with all things military in 1968, at age 12, after watching John Wayne battle the Vietcong in *The Green Berets*. After enlisting in the Army at 17 and qualifying for the 10th Special Forces Group, he served three years' active duty. He was honorably discharged, served another six years in the reserves, and claims to have operated all over the world. Green Beret deployments are typically secret, but one record that does exist is from one of his supervisors, who wrote that Idema was "without a doubt the most unmotivated, unprofessional, immature enlisted man I have ever known."

In 1979, Idema and a Special Forces buddy founded the Counterr Group Academy in Red Hook, New York. They taught law-enforcement personnel modern tactics and techniques of armed encounters and terrorism prevention. In 1991, Idema traveled to Lithuania to train cops and returned with detailed information on how the Russian mafia was trafficking Soviet nuclear weapons material to the highest bidders: terrorists. He said he briefed Pentagon officials about it in 1992, but when the FBI and CIA approached him for his sources, he refused, telling the two agencies they had too many moles.

At that point, Idema has always insisted, the FBI launched an investigation into his dealings that culminated in charges of fraud. Idema represented himself in the case, and a federal jury found him guilty of 55 counts of wire fraud and one count of conspiracy. He was sentenced to four years at the Federal Correctional Institution

in Butner, North Carolina. Not long afterward, the FBI agent Idema claimed supervised his fraud investigation—Earl Edwin Pitts—was discovered to be a Russian spy.

AN ARMY OF ONE

Idema was released in 1998 and went back to his much-scaled-down business, but not for long. September 11 changed everything.

"President Bush said we're all soldiers in the war on terror, and we should do whatever we could do," he later said. "I was a Green Beret, and I knew what I could do. I went."

Traveling through Uzbekistan, he arrived in Afghanistan that October, only days after the first Green Berets. Sporting an AK-47 and wearing sunglasses, a beard, desert camouflage, and a checkered scarf, he looked like just another operator. He began referring to himself simply as Jack. And he knew how to talk the talk.

"I saw him talking with Special Forces," said an Afghan journalist who asked to remain anonymous. "He presented himself to them as the special representative from the Pentagon to Afghanistan. They didn't question him... Anybody could just show up and say, 'I'm coming from the CIA or the Pentagon.' They did not have the means or the time to confirm his identity. I thought, *It's not a simple thing for this man, coming into this country. He either has to be a real man or a psycho.*"

Idema quickly melded into the warrior-rich landscape, advising NGOs, journalists, and even the Northern Alliance, America's ally against the Taliban and Al Qaeda. He seemed to show up at all the defining moments. When his friend Gary Scurka became the first journalist wounded in



Idema advised *The Green Berets* author Robin Moore on his new book and appeared on its cover.



After pulling over their bus, Idema lines up travelers on an Afghan roadside as he searches for a terrorist suspect.

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SHAMIL BASAYEV

A.K.A.: The emir of the martyr's brigade Riyad al-Salikhin, Abdullah Shamil, Abu Idris
Bounty: \$10.3 million. If Russia has an equivalent to bin Laden, it's the Chechen warlord Shamil Basayev. He claimed responsibility for August's brutal takeover of a school in Beslan, which left more than 300 dead, many of them children. Basayev is also implicated in the bombing of two Russian airliners the same month. Prior to the Beslan disaster, his bloodiest coup was the October 2002 takeover of Moscow's Dubrovka Theater, which led to the deaths of 130 hostages.



FELICIEN KABUGA

A.K.A.: Faracean Kabuga, Ferisita, Idriss Sudi, Abachev Straton, Anathase Munyaruga
Bounty: \$5 million. In 1994, Rwanda's Hutu majority slaughtered over 800,000 of their Tutsi countrymen, largely thanks to Felicien Kabuga. As the millionaire owner of Radio-Television Milles Collines, he urged his Hutu listeners to "kill the Tutsi cockroaches." He then gave thousands of machetes and hoes to his followers. After the genocide, Kabuga fled to Nairobi, Kenya. Indicted by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in 1998, he has since gone into hiding somewhere in East Africa.



WEI HSUEH-KANG

A.K.A.: Prasit Chivinnitipanya
Bounty: \$2 million. Wei Hsueh-Kang, a Chinese national turned Burmese drug lord, runs his own jungle kingdom in eastern Burma, thanks to a multibillion-dollar heroin and amphetamine trade. Just like *Apocalypse Now's* Colonel Kurtz, Wei has his own army, which comprises members of Burma's Wa ethnic minority. For added protection, he greases the military junta in Rangoon, which lets him control a chunk of the Thai border. The Thais have a death warrant on him, but unless they invade Burma, it's probably no Wei.



Idema hoods one of his terrorist suspects. Shots of the same suspect later became evidence against Idema (above).

Then, last February, his sources told him the possible whereabouts of bin Laden, and about a plot targeting the U.S. Embassy and International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kabul.

"They were going to use 12 taxi bombs," he told me. "I had the name of the guy. His name was Ghulam Sakhi."

Idema said he quickly alerted his old foe, the FBI. The U.S. Embassy in Kabul, much to Idema's annoyance, put out a warning to American citizens about the possibility of a terrorist attack with taxis. The attack did not come. Idema believes the alert forced Sakhi into hiding in Pakistan...temporarily.

Frustrated with what he calls the FBI's foot-dragging, in late March he contacted someone in the Pentagon whose name he refused to reveal. "The bottom line is, the Department of Defense tells me, 'We can't help you in the United States. And we can't get you into [Afghanistan]. You get in and then we can work together,'" Idema said.

Idema quickly assembled a team consisting of Brent Bennett, a former Army tactical air-controller originally from Bridgeville, California, and Ed Caraballo, an Emmy Award-winning journalist working on a documentary about Idema.

Calling themselves Task Force Saber-7, the trio landed at Kabul International Airport on April 14 and were welcomed by Kabul's police chief, Baba Jan. Idema rented a house in western Kabul and tapped his Northern Alliance contacts working in the Ministry of Defense and the National Directorate of Security, who supplied uniformed and armed soldiers. The hunt was on.

Within two weeks TFS-7 netted what Idema called a top Taliban official and delivered him to U.S. soldiers on the night of May 3. In mid-

Idema returned to Afghanistan to capture bin Laden.

TIPS FROM TERRORISTS

The second time I met Idema was in the administrator's office of the National Directorate of Security's jail in Kabul. It was August 4 of this year, a month after his arrest. Ushered in by guards, his steps were wobbly. He would later say he'd been beaten. I asked this now thin and pale-yellow man why he was there.

Idema told me that in 2001 he'd interrogated some Al Qaeda prisoners captured at Tora Bora. He had turned them into intelligence assets, given them satellite phones and cash, and set them loose to spy on their former master, bin Laden.

LOOSE CANNON



Blindfolded, a TFS-7 detainee undergoes interrogation.



TFS-7 meets with Afghan defense minister Muhammad Fahim (third from right) and others.

'What's the target? What's the target?' Idema yelled, pressing down on Sakhi's back.

June, Idema got another tip: Sakhi, wearing a blue shalwar chemise, was en route to Kabul on a bus that could be loaded with explosives. Idema sent a desperate e-mail to the office of Lt. Gen. William Boykin, the U.S. deputy undersecretary for defense, pleading for U.S. Army backup. Getting no reply, he made a decision.

With Caraballo's camera rolling, TFS-7 raced through Kabul to meet the bus. Outside the city's eastern gate, they pulled over on a desolate stretch of road and waited. When the bus approached, they waved it over, rifles in hand, and ordered everyone off. Idema singled out the young men dressed in gray and blue, then worked his way down a line, putting his forefinger on each man's radial artery. He paused in front of a nervous Afghan in his late 20s who fit his informant's description.

"He has a pulse rate of 160, shaking so bad he's... Look at him," Idema told his crew.

The man's name was Ghulam Sakhi.

THE INTERROGATIONS BEGIN

Thinking that within 72 hours Sakhi's contacts would hear their explosives man was killed—or worse, captured and talking—Idema said he ordered his men to take Sakhi back to the house, where they placed him in the second-story bathroom and bound him to a chair with flexi-cuffs.

Most of the Afghan soldiers waited outside

the door while a translator, a guard, and Idema interrogated him. Caraballo taped the exchange.

"What's the target? What's the target?" Idema yelled, pressing down on Sakhi's back with his right hand. "Is it Fahim?" referring to Afghan defense minister general Muhammad Fahim.

"Fahim, Qanuni... Jamiat people," Sakhi said.

"Who else?" Idema yelled.

Idema said Sakhi then told him about the plan to attack Bagram Air Base.

"When my Afghan soldiers found out that their plan was to kill Minister Qanuni and General Fahim and blow up Bagram base... my guys started. Wham! One of them hit him," Idema said. "I took my soldier and punched him in front of Sakhi. I said, 'Don't hit the guy! I got him talking. What's wrong with you?' Sakhi was never hit."

Idema admitted to me he used "aggressive" interrogation techniques, not unlike a few of the 20 some-odd sanctioned in the past by the Pentagon. These can include sleep deprivation, heavy doses of rock'n'roll, and "water boarding"—dunking a subject long enough so he believes he will drown. According to Idema, his methods worked. Sakhi gave up the identity and address of his Kabul contact, a 30-year-old taxi driver named Sher Jan.

Within hours TFS-7 was in Sher Jan's house, where Idema was videotaped ripping open a rice bag and finding a detonator. They brought Sher

Jan back to Idema's house and drove his taxi to the desert, where an ISAF bomb-sniffing dog found traces of explosives in the vehicle.

Idema said he worked 18 to 20 hours a day interrogating his two prisoners and attending meetings with Afghan security officers and government officials. One of the alleged targets, then minister of education Yunis Qanuni, congratulated the American terrorist-hunter for foiling the plot, and even sent his own security detachment to assist Idema in unraveling it more.

Within a few days, the prisoner population inside Idema's house grew to eight, when his group arrested Maulavi Mohammad Siddiq, a mullah who happened to be a supreme court judge, along with his two brothers, also mullahs, and three other men. Inside the mullahs' house, Idema said, ISAF bomb experts found explosives and detonating devices as well as color posters of terrorist leader Gulbadin Hekmatyar.

As the interrogations went on, Idema said, TFS-7 started gathering a wealth of information about planned bombings and operations and was on the verge of penetrating other cells. The only thing that prevented that from occurring was his arrest. He still didn't know who had ordered it, given that many in the Afghan government and U.S. military seemed to know about his operation. He suspected it was the FBI.

Wanted posters with mug shots of Idema ▶

The Pentagon has sanctioned aggressive interrogation techniques.



TOUGH QUESTIONS

RESISTANCE IS FUTILE

When it comes to interrogation, any one of these four D's can lead to lots of Q&A.

DREAD

The anticipation of Daddy's belt is always worse than the whippin' itself. That's why CIA interrogators are more likely to threaten to turn a prisoner over to a brutal foreign intel agency than they are to actually torture him. According to a 1983 manual, prisoners "underestimate their ability to withstand pain," creating nightmarish scenarios that "trigger fears more damaging than the immediate sensation of pain."

DISORIENTATION

Prolonging a captive's initial confusion or shock is a top interrogation technique. Often a hood is placed over his head for a few days, then he's thrown in a dark cell for a few weeks. His unconsciousness may project outward, producing intense hallucinations. The obvious effects: extreme anxiety, psychosis, and, yes, the willingness to spill his guts out.

DEPENDENCY

Stripping a prisoner removes not only his clothing but also his sense of identity, dignity, and autonomy. Basic needs like a cloth to protect his butt from a damp cell floor can be denied to him, and maintaining his humanity depends on his captor's goodwill. What is taken may be given back... if the prisoner answers a few questions.

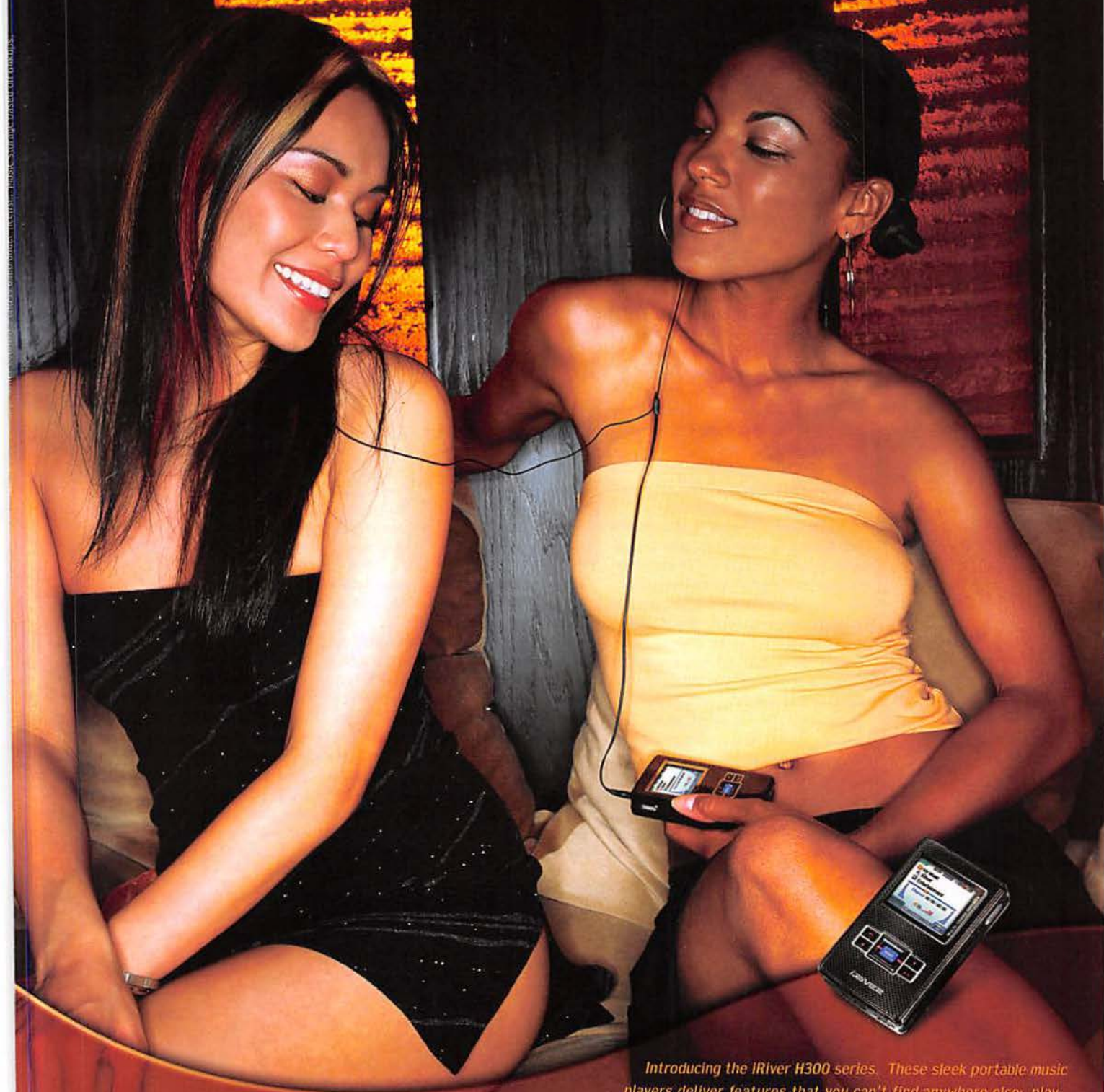
DISCOMFORT

Break the body and the mind will follow, goes the saying. Yet psychologists believe beatings and heavy torture produce more defiance than info. But force a prisoner to stand for hours, and the source of pain turns toward the prisoner himself as he fights his own weakness. Add a little sensory assault, like superloud Madonna and bright lights, and soon the captive will view interrogators more as saviors than tormentors.



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'The American authorities absolutely condoned us and absolutely supported us.'

appeared in the streets of Kabul a week before his arrest. Realizing that somebody had cut him loose, Idema panicked. He called Lieutenant General Boykin's office at the Pentagon, threatened to tell the press, and was told a mistake had been made. They asked him not to talk to the media. He also claimed that he called the Kabul police himself, as well as the military at Bagram.

"We were just getting ready to bring everybody to Bagram," Idema said. "I tried calling Baba Jan because I wanted him to give us an escort."

Baba Jan indeed showed up with men, on July 5, but the last thing Idema expected was that they would arrest him and his team.

A TORTURE VICTIM SPEAKS

Sakhi told me a much different story. He said that TFS-7 beat him even before the first question.

"First they beat me. Then they put my head in the water. I was underwater for maybe three minutes. I couldn't breathe. I lost my consciousness," Sakhi said. He claimed he repeatedly told Idema he did not know how to make bombs.

"They tortured me in the shower with hot water," he continued. "They kept on yelling at me, 'Tell us the facts; otherwise we will kill you.'"

Sakhi said he blurted out the name of Sher Jan, whom he knew from childhood. Sher Jan, according to Idema, gave them the names of more men after being interrogated.

All eight prisoners held by TFS-7 would claim similar abuses, ranging from being denied food to being suffocated with plastic bags.

After the arrest, TFS-7 and the prisoners were transported to the National Directorate for Security (NDS) jail, where, most said, Afghan authorities beat them. Idema's former prisoners said the FBI came and asked many of the same questions Idema had. They were released after 15 days.

Idema and TFS-7, on the other hand, were charged with kidnapping, having a private jail, torture, robbery, and entering Afghanistan without a visa. They were facing up to 20 years in an Afghan prison. The FBI, meanwhile, was busy combing through Idema's computers, videotapes, photographs, and documents, all of which were handed over to the bureau by the NDS.

A KANGAROO COURT

On the trial's opening day, a gaunt Idema pleaded his case to the international press, which

THE SUSPECTED PLOTTERS



GHULAM SAKHI

Idema claimed Sakhi is a Qaeda explosives expert; Sakhi said he's a cooking gas salesman who got on the wrong bus at the wrong time.



SHER JAN

According to Idema, Sher Jan a Kabul taxi driver, intended to use 12 taxis as car bombs against Afghan and Allied targets in Kabul.



MOHAMMAD AREF

A Ministry of Education official, Aref had access to senior members of the Afghan government. Was he planning to target his colleagues?

THEIR TARGETS



GEN. MUHAMMAD FAHIM

Fahim is Afghanistan's defense minister and a powerful leader in the Jamiat-e Islami (Islamic Council of Afghanistan) party.



YOUNIS OANUNI

Formerly the education minister, Qanuni quit to run for president as a Jamiat candidate. He was Hamid Karzai's main opponent.



ZALMAY KHALILZAD

Nicknamed the Viceroy because of his tremendous influence over Karzai's government, Khalilzad is the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan.

wouldn't prove very sympathetic, despite the fact that Caraballo was a noncombatant and an award-winning journalist himself.

"The American authorities absolutely condoned us and absolutely supported us," Idema said. "We were in touch with the Department of Defense every day, at the highest level." He said he could prove this with tape recordings and e-mails and that Afghan and U.S. officials would testify on his behalf.

It was an optimistic statement, considering that the Pentagon, the U.S. State Department, and the U.S. military in Afghanistan had all denied any connection with Idema, whom they characterized as a freelance bounty hunter work-

ing outside the law. Afghan government officials kept their mouths shut.

As the prosecutor, Muhammad Naeem Dawari, laid out his case, it quickly became clear he wasn't too worried about Idema's defense. None of the Americans were given copies of the charges against them in English; translation was deplorable; and Bennett never got a lawyer. The prosecutor based his entire argument on the unsworn testimony of three of TFS-7's detainees, and a *New York Times* article. One of Idema's victims, Siddiq, was an acquaintance of presiding judge Abdul Daset Bakhtiar and even met privately with him numerous times during the trial.

HIDDEN EXPLOSIVES VIDEO



From left: A video sequence shot by Ed Caraballo shows Idema cutting open a rice bag in Sher Jan's house and pulling out what later proved to be a bomb detonator wrapped in plastic. "Hey, boy, what you got this hiding in your rice bag for?" Idema says during the third frame as he holds the discovery up to the light. He then dangles the baggie in Sher Jan's face, declaring, "You are in a whole bunch of shit."

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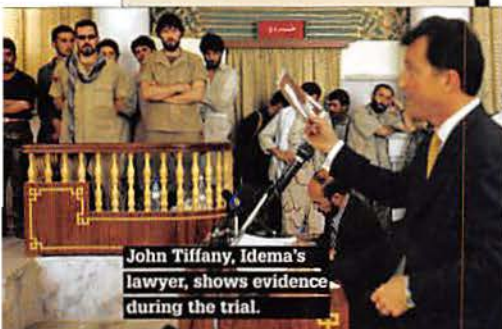
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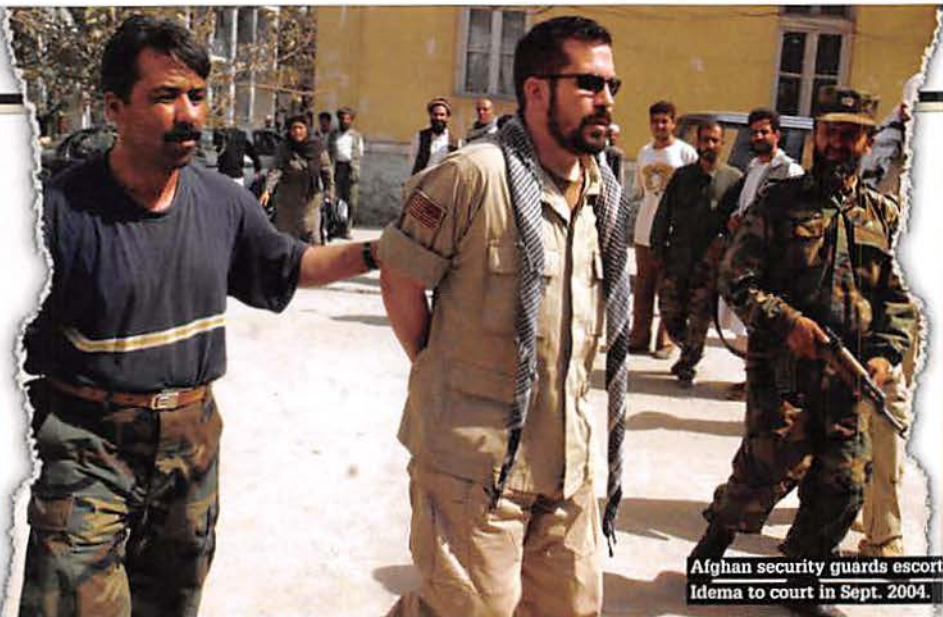
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John Tiffany, Idema's lawyer, shows evidence during the trial.



Afghan security guards escort Idema to court in Sept. 2004.

trial began when Major Jon Siepmann, a U.S. military spokesman, said at a press conference that, on May 3, Idema "showed up at our doorstep with a person of interest and we took that individual from him." This directly contradicted earlier statements made by the U.S. military.

An even bigger contradiction came at the second hearing, when Idema complained that the FBI was holding all his evidence. That afternoon an unidentified Afghan man entered the court and handed a small cardboard box filled with papers to Dawari, who said the parcel had come from the FBI—an entity that has no jurisdiction in Afghanistan.

"What in God's name was the FBI doing holding a box of evidence for 21 days?" John Tiffany, Idema's lawyer, would later ask.

One piece of evidence that should have proved that both U.S. and Afghan officials knew about Idema's operation appeared on August 23, when a riveted courtroom watched the videotaped interrogation of Sakhi, in which he tells the camera that Qanuni and Fahim were targets of an assassination plot. More videos showed Idema meeting with Qanuni, Afghan NDS, and Defense Ministry soldiers who were assisting him—clearly establishing his connections with local authorities. Still another video showed ISAF bomb experts finding explosives in the houses Idema had targeted.

But it was the last tape shown at the last hearing in September that connected all the dots. It appeared that Lieutenant General Boykin's office may indeed have been Idema's sponsor, and now wanted to cut him loose.

"We passed on all your information to the J-2 staff [Pentagon intelligence] here and to the DIA," says a voice on the other end of the phone call from Idema. "And we were trying to protect our boss from getting associated with it because he does not need any other scrutiny right now by the press. So we are trying to put a firewall between your efforts and him because we did not want to connect anything there. And there is no need to do that."

Despite that evidence, Bakhtiar returned



Sher Jan shows courtroom reporters in Kabul bruises from his run-in with Idema.

after 15 minutes of deliberation with a five-page handwritten ruling and sentenced Idema and Bennett to 10 years, Caraballo to eight, and the TFS-7 Afghans to no more than five.

"I apologize that we saved these people," Idema screamed to the crowd afterward. "We should have let the fucking Taliban murder every goddamn one of them."

Later that day the U.S. Embassy's spokeswoman, Beth Lee, would say only that, "The government held the trial fairly and in accordance with the Afghan law," a statement that was echoed in Washington, D.C. by State Department spokesman Richard Boucher.

THE PRISONER

About a week after the trial, I went to Pul-e-Charkhi prison and visited Idema. It had been a horrible place of death and suffering during the Communist and Taliban eras. But I was pleasantly surprised when, through the bars of blue metal gates outside, I saw Idema directing TFS-7 in the soaping and rinsing of their newly arrived secondhand blue carpet.

After seven nights in his new home, he had

color in his cheeks. Caraballo and Bennett also came to greet me, and all of them seemed happy. We were shown into a first-floor office, where we took our seats in metal chairs. Soft drinks, a kettle of tea, and candies appeared on the coffee table.

As the prison wardens had no idea I was a reporter, I handed Idema my notebook to take notes as if he were jotting a list of groceries.

Idema told me the three of them were moved their first night in prison because guards had learned Al Qaeda inmates were plotting to kill them. Some of the Northern Alliance commanders had ordered the chief warden to give TFS-7 whatever they needed. On the second day of their stay, new pillows and blankets were brought in. Idema said chairs and tables were being sent. They were eating meat once a week.

Idema then began to tell me he was trying to file an expedited appeal and was now going to play the legal game the Afghan way. He said he had already paid \$75,000 in lawyers' fees to get a high-class Afghan prison cell. Their own guards were treating them with deference; they considered TFS-7 heroes and seemed mystified as to why they were in prison.

Idema seemed to think the FBI, jealous of his success, had instigated TFS-7's arrest, appropriated his evidence, and leaned on the Afghan government to railroad him. That, combined with the fact that one of his terrorist suspects was a supreme court judge with high-level connections, had accounted for the release of his suspects. Finally, fearing another Abu Ghraib prison scandal, the Department of Defense had left him in the wind.

It sounded like a conspiracy theory, except that so far almost everything Idema told me had proved to be true.

When asked why he hadn't done more to help himself by identifying his contacts in the Department of Defense, Idema replied in true secret agent fashion: "They're more important than I am. It's more important that they continue doing what they're doing for America. I'm expendable." ■

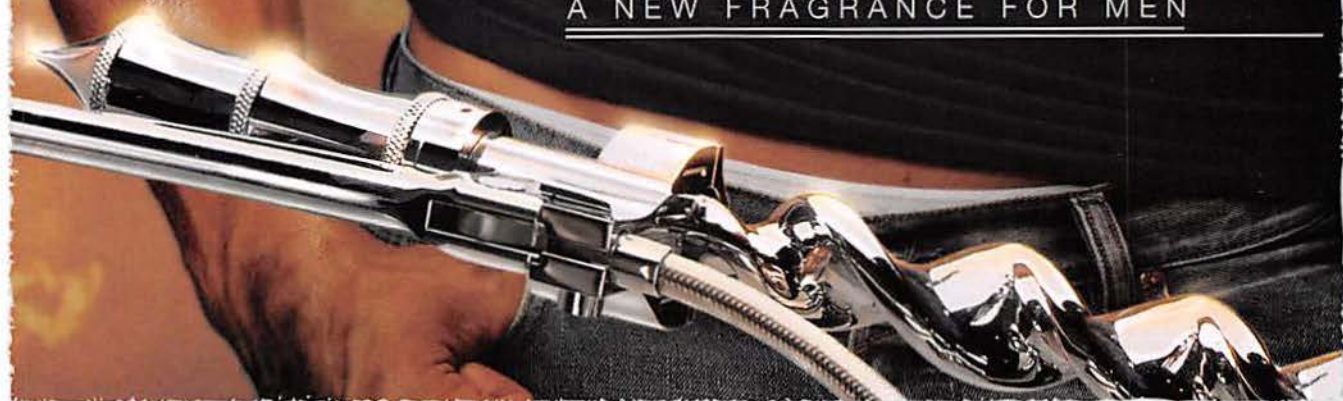
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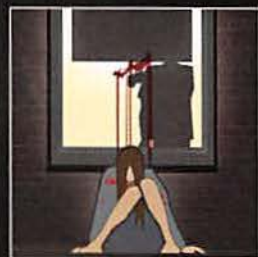
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AMERICA'S DARKEST ALLEYS

Venture into these dim passageways and anything can happen to you, from being murdered by a cannibal in Wisconsin to being murdered by a cannibal in Kansas. Ah, variety!



Queens, NY

Alley: Near 82-70 Austin St.
Dark past: The Big Apple's crime-ridden rep is partly due to the 1964 stabbing of Catherine Genovese outside her apartment at 3 A.M. Most disturbing was the indifference of 38 nearby residents who refused to get involved as Winston Moseley returned twice to finish the job. Cops weren't called until 3:50 A.M., and they found her dead from multiple stab wounds.



Milwaukee, WI

Alley: 924 North 25th Street
Dark past: On the night of May 27, 1991, Milwaukee's finest responded to a disturbance involving a Caucasian male and a naked 14-year-old boy. The man claimed the lad was actually his legal-age lover. Shrugging it off, the cops left hysterical Konerak Sinthasomphone in the hands of Jeffrey Dahmer, who then dismembered and scarfed victim number 13.



Buchanan, MI

Alley: 401 Berrien Street
Dark past: Poor Rick Conrad. When he took out the trash, he regularly found himself in the path of local hoods racing hot rods down his alley. His 19 complaints to the police led to the installation of a yield sign and a posting of the speed limit. Shockingly, the races continued. At last Conrad was allowed to gate the alley and put an end to the escalating road rage.



West Milford, NJ

Alley: Between Germantown Road and Route 23
Dark past: This rural byway is called Demon's Alley for a pair of suspicious major fires and its eerie deserted houses. Legend has it the homes are vacant because a satanic cult leader butchered his neighbors. With this frightening history, it should surprise no one that today the location is used as a hangout where teenagers get high.



Outside Quantico, VA

Alley: Hogan's Alley
Dark past: Ever feel like there just isn't enough crime? The FBI did, which is why it made Hogan's Alley. Reasoning they couldn't put a trainee on the street, the FBI created its very own violence-ravaged 'hood (featuring actors instead of real felons), where hundreds of drug-related shootings happen each year. Oh, and they have the most robbed bank in America, too.

"Nobody else around?
Guess I gotta beat
and mug myself."



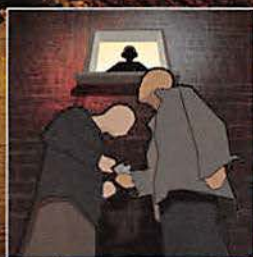
Trenton, NJ

Alley: North Olden Avenue
Dark past: Nine months after the Rodney King incident, there was an encore. A run-in between Thomas Downing (6', 150) and policeman Earl "Big Red" Hill (6'8", 290) led to Hill being caught smacking Downing around on tape. Just like in the King case, charges were filed against the cop... and just like in the King case, jurors ignored the video and voted for acquittal.



Bellevue, WA

Alley: Behind a McDonald's
Dark past: On June 23, 1990, a McDonald's employee working garbage duty made a horrid discovery: 27-year-old Mary Ann Pohlreich's ritually splayed corpse. Her legs were crossed, a Frito-Lay dip container rested over her eye, and a pine cone was in her hand. The murderer was serial killer George Russell, later convicted of Pohlreich's murder and two others.



Miami Beach, FL

Alley: 2175 NE 169th Street
Dark past: The alley dealers seemed to know when police were coming. Residents' cordless phones blared hip-hop 24/7. The connection? Cops believed it was DJ Rivas. He ran a pirate radio station with a view, and police theorize that when not playing phat beats Rivas would announce the frequency "99" ("cop" in street slang) upon seeing the fuzz.



Seattle, WA

Alley: South King Street
Dark past: Gambling's never been so dangerous as it was at the Wah Mee social club (an illegal high-stakes gambling house) in 1983. Thieves hogtied 14 people, then opened fire. Only a Pai Kau dealer survived, stumbling into the alley and identifying the three crooks to the cops. Ironically, the massacre was motivated by debts at another local gambling den.



Kansas City, KS

Alley: 1300s of Troup Avenue
Dark past: On an April 2001 afternoon, Michael Weaver ran into 21-year-old Marc Sappington, who'd already murdered his best friend and drank his blood. Sappington lured Weaver to a nearby alley and exsanguinated him. "The Kansas City Vampire" got his third victim later that day. (He also reportedly shot a man over an impounded car in a non-cannibal killing.)



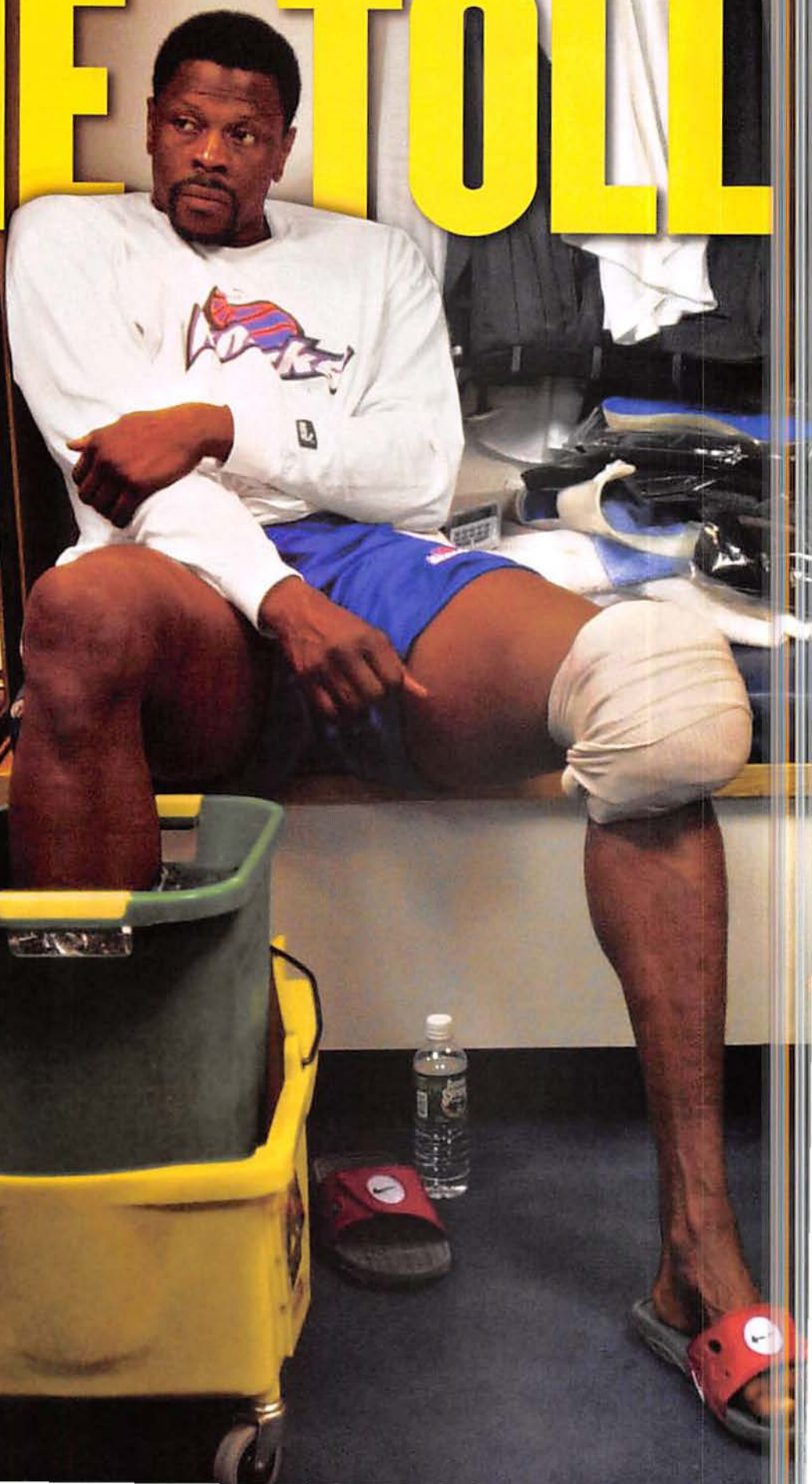
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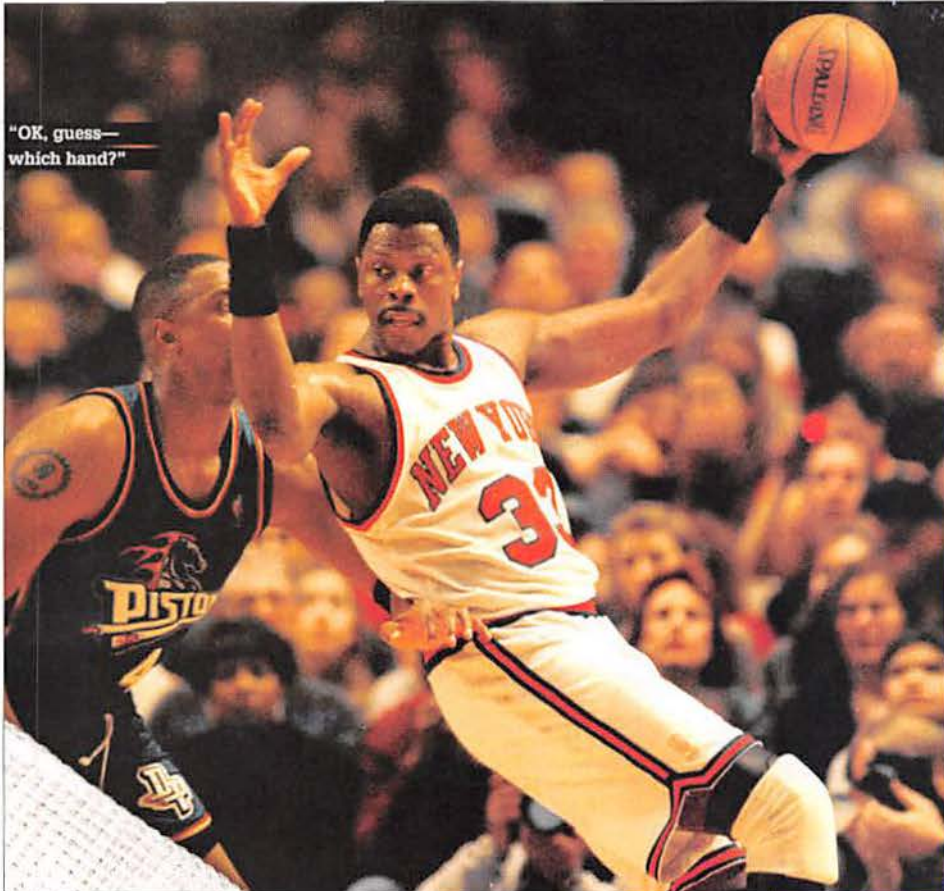
There's a price for sports greatness, measured in a lifetime of pain. Eight veteran athletes tell you what it's like.

BY JOHN U. BACON, CHARLES COXE, SEAN CUNNINGHAM, AND STEVE MAZZUCCHI

Ewing tries to kill the pain after losing to the Pacers in the 2000 playoffs



"OK, guess—
which hand?"



1. PATRICK EWING

Center for the New York Knicks ('85-'00), Seattle Supersonics ('00-'01), Orlando Magic ('01-'02). Now assistant coach of the Houston Rockets.

"My first surgery was my first season in the NBA," recounts Hall of Fame shoo-in Patrick Ewing. Unfortunately, it would become a theme. Over an amazing 17-year career during which he averaged 21 points per game, Ewing reached the NBA Finals twice—but returned to the operating table far more frequently.

"I had about six knee surgeries and one wrist surgery," Ewing says. The operation on his wrist actually required the longest recovery time: eight months. "It was excruciating," the stoic Ewing finally admits after prodding. Only two years removed from the court, Ewing still hasn't shaken the unwritten code dictating that athletes don't really talk about being hurt. But he'll acknowledge there were times he had to force himself out on the court when he probably shouldn't have, notably the 1999 playoffs. "Those games against Indiana, where I played on one Achilles..." he trails off, cringing slightly with the memory. He'd learn the precise diagnosis later: His left Achilles tendon, connecting his calf muscle to his heel, was torn. All he knew at the time was it hurt like hell, but this was the playoffs, and games needed to be won.

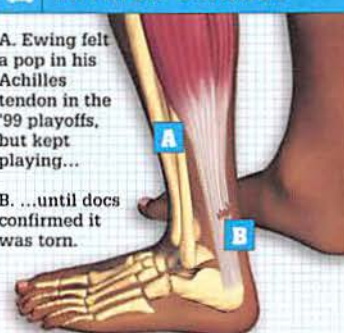
"I limped, hopped, and hopped," Ewing laughs, remembering how he tried to avoid aggravating the injury.

"When I tore it, I felt it pop," he says. "But I didn't know what it was. So I kept playing." He only went to the bench when the tear was confirmed, to avoid a crippling full rupture. As a result, he missed the finals

PATRICK'S ANKLE

A. Ewing felt a pop in his Achilles tendon in the '99 playoffs, but kept playing...

B. ...until docs confirmed it was torn.



against the San Antonio Spurs, and the Knicks lost. Ewing feels he could have lasted another year or two in the league, but he'd had enough.

"I guess I lost the spark," he says. He'd grown tired of battling in the paint with Shaquille O'Neal ("Play against a guy like Shaq, your body's going to be sore the next day," he admits) and the continuous physical damage, such as broken fingers, that required surgery and screwed with his jump shot. During his last season, he averaged only six points a game.

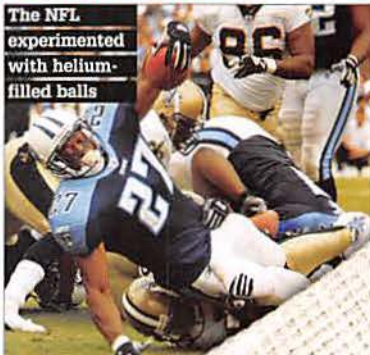
Now an assistant coach with the Houston Rockets, Ewing has no desire to play pro basketball again, although he downplays the impact his injuries have had on him. "When you play sports," he says, "you learn there's some pain you have to deal with. That's the game."



2. EDDIE GEORGE

Running back, Houston/Tennessee ('96-'03), Dallas (present).

The NFL experimented with helium-filled balls



On Sunday, Eddie George is one of the most powerful men on Earth.

On Monday and Tuesday, he can't walk. "When you try to get out of bed on Monday, your whole body hurts," he says. "It goes from your neck to your shoulders, your ribs, your thighs, your calves, all the way to your toes."

George isn't too concerned about the future, with one exception: his shoulders. He's trying not to show it, but George's shoulders are killing him. "Any football player is going to expect to have long-term soreness in his shoulders," he protests, but George has trouble sleeping. "It's constant, man, not something that goes away." His abused joints, tendons, and ligaments have already transformed the perennial all-pro to a supporting player at the ripe old age of 31.

"The hardest part is getting ready for the season," he says. "The older you get, the earlier you have to start. You can't take four months off and expect to be OK. You can't allow scar tissue to build up. The fans see the fun parts—the big plays, dancing in the end zone—but the average fan has no idea the amount of preparation required to go from being unable to walk on Monday and Tuesday to practicing full speed on Thursday. The physical toll, the emotional toll, the mental toll... it's very demanding."

But is it worth it? "Definitely. I've fulfilled a dream," George says, then smiles. "But maybe I won't be saying that on the operating table!"

ABUSE METER



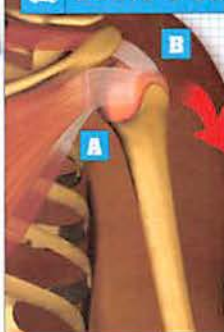
Getting hit in the face with a slap shot—a frozen rubber puck traveling at over 100 mph—is like having half a brick dropped on your head from a height of about 300 feet.



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EDDIE'S SHOULDER



A. 2004 playoffs: Making a tackle after an interception, George separated his shoulder.

B. Despite strained ligaments, he popped it back in and returned to the game.

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3. TED LINDSAY

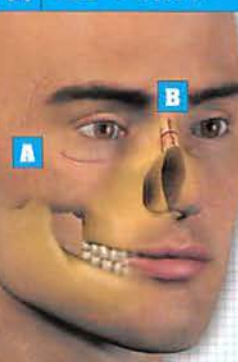
Hall of Fame left winger, Detroit ('44-'57, '64-'65), Chicago ('57-'60).

They call Ted Lindsay Scarface, and he's earned the name: No athlete has ever taken more stitches—over 500 in his head alone, he claims. "You get some cocoa butter and vitamin E oil and you can rub a lot of those scars away," Lindsay laughs. "In fact, I'm better-looking now than I was back then... which ain't very good!"

In junior hockey, a couple of Toronto scouts came to see Lindsay play, but he'd already gone to the hospital: An opponent's skate blade had sliced through his calf muscle, leaving him writhing on the ice in a pool of blood. The scouts signed his teammate instead, so Lindsay joined the Detroit Red Wings, where he played with Sid Abel and Gordie Howe and won four Stanley Cups in six years. "That injury changed my whole life," he says, "and I'm not complaining."

Although a perennial all-star (11 times) and top-10 scorer (eight times), "all anybody ever talks about is the fighting," admits the man opponents called Terrible Ted. One of the toughest players in NHL history, the 5'8", 160-pound Lindsay collected 1,808 penalty minutes over his career. "I was hitting everybody and getting hit by everybody and fighting everybody, and everybody was fighting me," Lindsay says.

TED'S FACE



A. Over his career Lindsay took more than 500 stitches in his head.

B. His nose has been broken so frequently that the cartilage is gone.

In a game in the 1952-53 season, Lindsay broke his foot: "It was just a fracture; luckily everything was still in place." But with the play-offs starting, he wasn't about to sit. "I put my skate on, and that was my splint," Lindsay explains. "I got over the pain during warmups. Once my system got going, I kind of forgot about it. Didn't feel much pain again till after the game when I was trying to take the damn skate off."

Until recently, Lindsay still played in old-timer's games, slamming opponents into the boards at age 77. "I just hung 'em up two years ago," Lindsay says. "I had surgery on my back and they put in a metal plate. If I can't body check, why skate? It was a wonderful, wonderful life... and the damn thing was too short!" ▶

1. HEAD SHOT

One time Lindsay was clobbered over the head by Montreal defenseman Butch Bouchard. "He didn't mean it," says Lindsay. "I was pivoting along the boards, very low. Butch swung his stick and got me just over the left ear. No stitches, no concussion—I've got too thick a skull!" But it was enough to put him in the hospital.

2. THE KINDEST CUT

"I'd already taken 12 or 14 stitches under my right eye," Lindsay tells us. "We were playing in Boston, and I made the mistake of getting the stitches out before the game. I got hit with an elbow under the same eye and opened it up all over again. I can't remember who it was, but it was a good elbow."

3. A NOSE FOR HOCKEY

Lindsay's nose has been broken so many times from "a lot of sticks, a lot of pucks, and some pretty good fists," that there's no cartilage left. "I only hope I gave more than I took. I believe I kept the ledger pretty even," he says. "I never intentionally cut anyone, but I did everything I could to help us win."

4. A BROKEN GLASS SMILE

A hockey player doesn't leave the game—he has the trainer stitch him up on the bench so he can get back on the ice. No anesthetic. "It never hurt because your face was still numb from taking the punch, so you could take the needle," Lindsay says. "A few stitches and nature takes care of the rest."

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4. STEVE YZERMAN

Center and captain of the Detroit Red Wings (1983–present).

It's a beautiful day. You step outside to enjoy the sun and a day of mowing the lawn, going for a run, maybe playing a little basketball.

Simple, right? Not for Steve Yzerman. The 21-year NHL veteran has to wear sunglasses whenever he goes outside—daylight still burns, the result of a slap shot that hit him in the face last spring, smashing his orbital bone. Running and basketball are also out of the question, since Yzerman obliterated his right knee against a goal post in 1988. After five operations, all the cartilage in his knee is gone. If he plays soccer with his daughters, he kicks with his left foot to keep the bones in his right knee from grinding against each other. When he goes to bed at night, he sleeps on his side and rests his head on a special pillow designed to help relieve the constant pain in his neck since he herniated a disc lifting weights a decade ago. (He suffered repeated "stingers" before doctors removed the ruined disc entirely and fused the remaining vertebrae together.)

And that's just the off-season.

"This hurts, that hurts," Yzerman says, dismissing his maladies. "I probably feel a lot older than I am, but it's just a matter of dealing with aggravating, nagging things. You're used to dealing with daily pain, so it's not really a big deal."

His eyesight is improving, but Yzerman's knee and neck will continue crumbling for the rest of his life. Somehow he's found a bright side. "Skating is not a high-impact activity for knees. If I played a sport that involved running, I'd have been done at least five years ago. If I take care of myself, when I retire I'll still be able to do everything I want to do: snow-ski, water-ski, golf. I was a lousy golfer before my injuries, and now I'm still lousy. You have to grit your teeth and bear it. At the end of the day, it'll all be worth it."

At least Steve was set for Halloween



STEVE'S KNEE

A. His ruptured posterior cruciate ligament was never repaired.

B. His knee has no cartilage.

C. In 2002 docs sawed through Yzerman's tibia and inserted a wedge to realign the joint.

ABUSE METER



■ Going all 12 rounds in an average heavyweight boxing match is the equivalent of getting hit in the head with a two-by-four more than 180 times.



■ A single knockout punch has more explosive energy than an armor-piercing bullet—enough to lift 1,000 pounds a foot off the ground.

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Pastrana also broke the law of gravity

5. TRAVIS PASTRANA

Twenty-one-year-old undefeated X-Games motocross champion.

Travis Pastrana, ESPN's 2001 Motocross Rider of the Year, loves his sport—a sport that gives him such a thrill that his virtually comatose pulse rate of 36 beats per minute skyrockets to 195 when he's trying to manhandle a 220-pound bike. "According to researchers," he says, "only World Cup soccer requires more conditioning and endurance."

Yes, but soccer players don't usually deal with torn rotator cuffs, broken wrists, cracked collar bones, and shattered pelvises. Only 21 years old, Pastrana has already broken "at least" 30 bones—and that doesn't even include a 1998 accident where he dislocated his sacroiliac joints, separating his pelvis from his spine—but it's the multiple concussions that concern him the most. Pastrana's already suffered 12 "decent ones" that put him out cold. He once blacked out during a race and, still unconscious, plowed his bike into the Daytona stands at 50 mph. "That didn't work out so well," he observes.

Pastrana loves motocross so much, he'll do anything to get back on his bike, including having a doctor pin his broken wrist together so he could wrap it around the handle. After nine operations on his left knee and seven on his right, Pastrana has to stick a syringe in his knees and drain the fluid just so he can bend them enough to get his feet into the pegs of his bike for a training lap or two. Imagine doctors sticking a balloon into your knee and filling it up with water until you can't bend the joint even an inch without feeling like the whole thing is

about to explode, and you've got some idea of what Pastrana lives with every day.

"I've raced with just about every injury you can name," he says, "but we don't tell anyone about them because you don't want your competition to know. Most people don't understand. If you don't get on your bike because you can't bend your knee far enough to get your foot in the peg, the fans will call you a wimp. They say, 'Oh, if I was paid as much as these guys, I would train for every race.' That's great if you're healthy, but what if your knee is frozen stiff when you wake up and you need a few Advil and a hot tub just to be able to walk?"

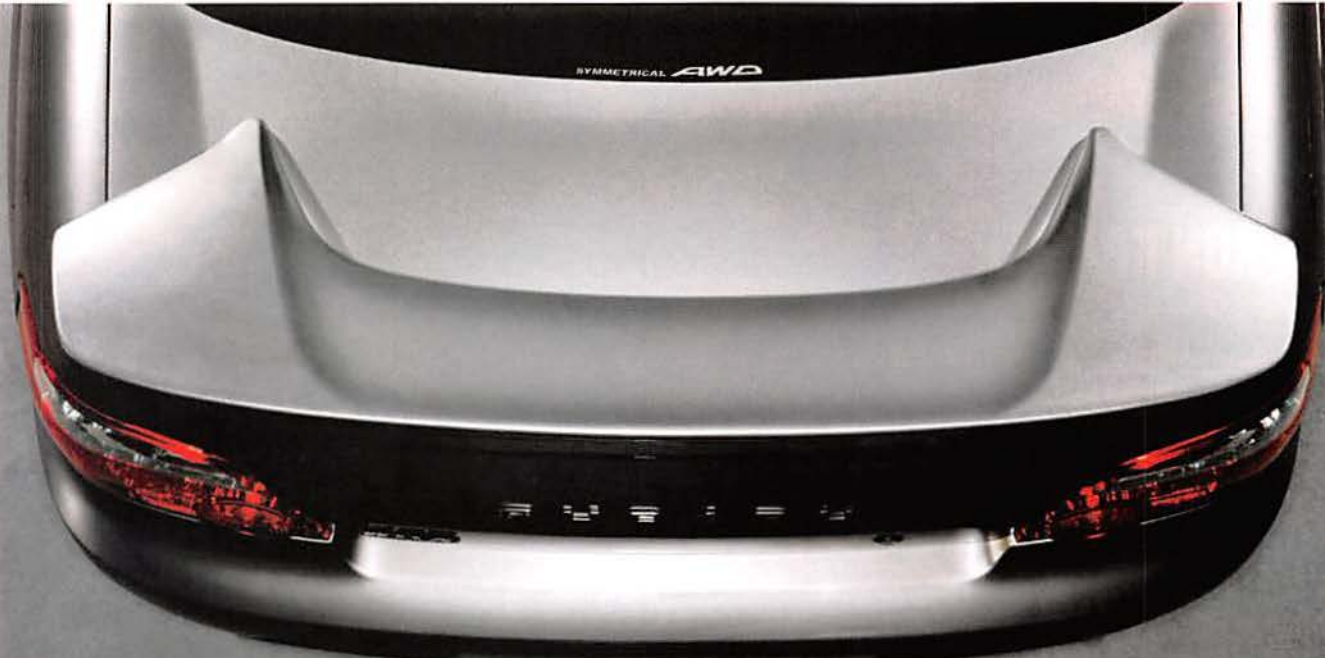
"If you're willing to settle for fifth or 10th place, OK, but I don't like to lose. And that's the price you pay."

TRAVIS' PELVIS

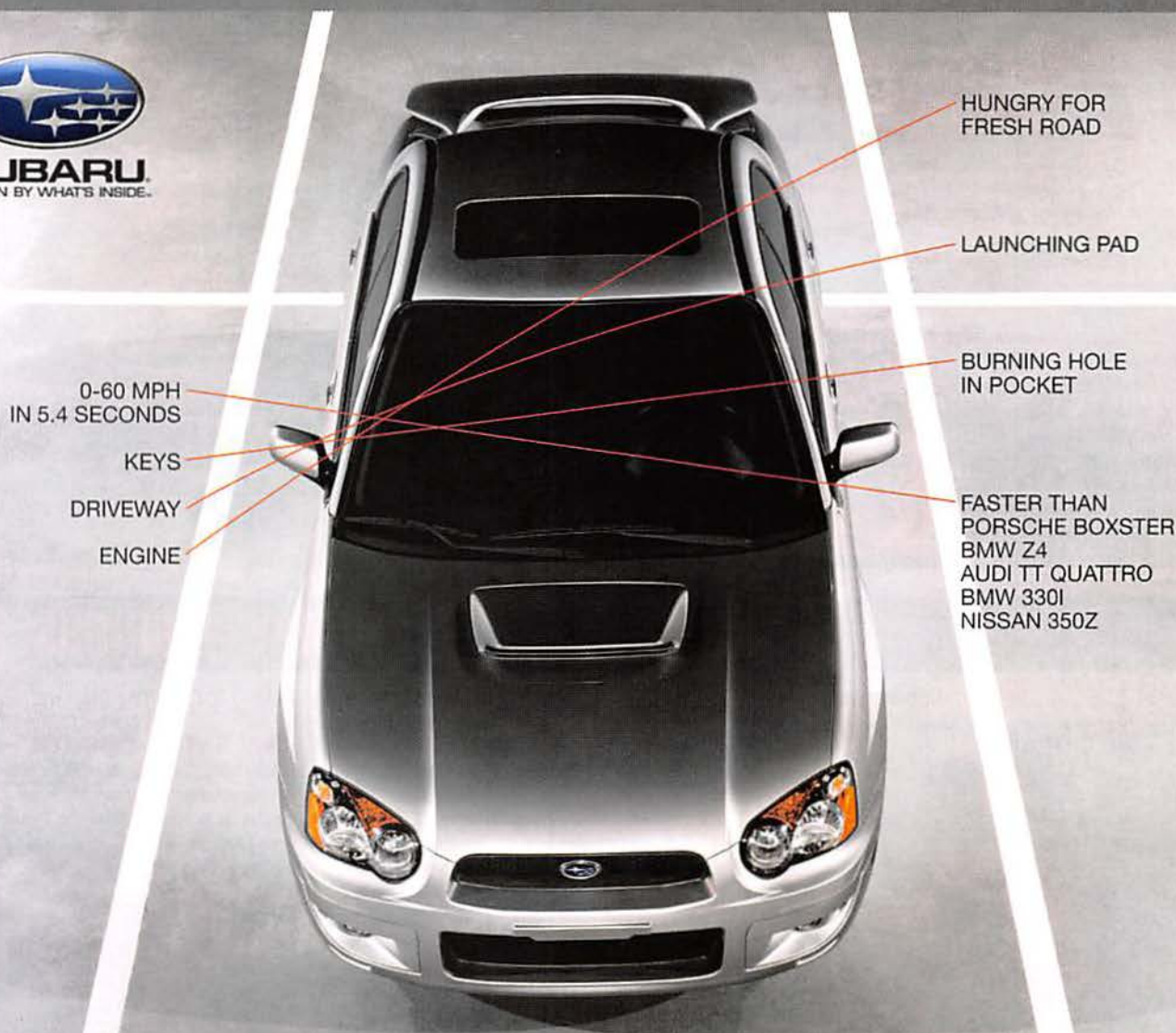
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B. His hips have been broken in several places.





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6. RON KRAMER

Tight end, Green Bay ('57-'64), Detroit ('65-'67).

One badass scar

"I thought I was beating the hell out of everyone back then," muses former Packer Ron Kramer. "But now that I look back, I think they might've gotten the best of me."

Lawrence Taylor said when he gets up in the morning, his joints crack so much it sounds like he's making popcorn. Kramer, the 69-year-old former tight end on Vince Lombardi's famous Packer sweep, sounds like a firing range. "They say there are, what, 206 bones in the human body?" Kramer asks. "Well, I broke at least 50 of them. Arms, legs, ankles, toes, and more broken fingers than I've got fingers—a lot of them just from catching passes."

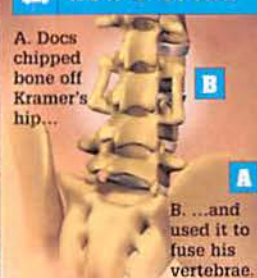
That was the easy part. Since retiring Kramer's had one hip and both knees replaced. He's undergone three surgeries to repair both rotator cuffs, five knee surgeries, and an operation called a "fusion laminectomy," he says, "where they fuse the third and fourth lumbar vertebrae together. They chip the bone off the crest of the ilium [the

hip], and they fuse the transverse process—part of the vertebrae. I've had a couple of those. Now I think I know more than the doctors about this stuff!"

Kramer is still quick on his feet, but only figuratively. His optimism can't hide the fact that he has to push himself up to a standing position and carries a bag of broken bones with him whenever he shuffles down the hall.

Kramer will have to go under the knife again just to keep going, but despite the wear and tear he echoes the sentiments of the walking wounded: "If I had to do it all over again, I'd do the same thing. Hell, you take a chance in life when you do anything," he says. "Football was great fun."

RON'S SPINE



A. Docs chipped bone off Kramer's hip...

B. ...and used it to fuse his vertebrae.



"I'd show you more scars, but it's a family magazine."

WIMPY WARRIORS

Not everyone gives their all on the field. If sports are a war, these guys belong to the pussy brigade!



"Ow! I got cork in my eye!"

SAMMY SOSA

In 2004 Sosa wound up on the 15-day disabled list with a back injury. What triggered it? A home plate collision? Beating out an infield single? No, something far more brutal: a sneeze. "It would have been better if I had run into the wall or had a fight with somebody," Sosa said. Couldn't agree more, Mr. Sosa. Gesundheit!

TERRY GLENN

You know you're not much of a tough guy when Bill Parcells publicly refers to you as "she." Glenn lived up to this nickname by going AWOL from the Patriots and suing the NFL, claiming chronic depression prevented him from following the league's substance abuse policy.



"I can't play. Coach. I'm sad."

JOSE CARDENAL

We'll ignore the fact that Pete Rose accused Cardenal of corking bats (Charlie Hustle's such a stickler for rules!), but not what happened in a hotel in 1972. That night, Cardenal was kept up by crickets. Claiming he didn't sleep, he skipped the next game due to exhaustion.

LIONEL SIMMONS

This Sacramento King was the incredible shrinking man with a scoring average that dropped in all but one of his seven seasons (final year: 3.4 ppg). Simmons even missed two games in 1991 with a bout of wrist tendonitis... from playing his Game Boy too much.



"See? I have a cold."

RYAN LEAF

The guy the Colts almost selected instead of Peyton Manning, Leaf missed 39 games in just four seasons, some due to a wrist injury that still allowed him to golf. Junior Seau said, "Football is not made for everybody." Leaf was built for cheerleading.



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does this, you
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it checked out

7. DAVE SHAND

Journeyman defenseman, Atlanta Flames ('76-'80), Toronto Maple Leafs ('80-'81, '82-'83), Washington Capitals ('83-'85), assorted minor league teams.

Whenever Dave Shand goes to a new doctor, the receptionist asks him to list his injuries and surgeries. "I start at my toes," Shand says, "and work my way up." The list is so long he has to use the back of the form.

"Broke my feet seven times," he says. "Broke both ankles. Four knee surgeries. Multiple hip pointers. Six or seven broken ribs. Two surgeries on my left elbow. Two surgeries on my right shoulder, including plates that are still in there."

"Then I get to my head. About 250 stitches all told. Broke my nose six times—there's no bone left in that thing. Broke my jaw twice. Broke my orbital cavity once. Oh, and seven or eight concussions," he laughs. "I can't remember exactly how many."

The doctor invariably asks if Shand's been in a few car accidents.

"No," Shand answers. "Just 13 years of pro hockey."

None of this was part of the big-league dreams of a 19-year-old kid from Cold Lake, Alberta, the first-round pick of the Atlanta (now Calgary) Flames in 1976. But after four years with the Flames, Shand was shipped to Toronto, Washington, and five minor league teams before finishing his career in Austria.

"I was never the number one defenseman

on any team," Shand explains. "So I couldn't afford to let someone else take my spot. If it was a choice between sitting out a couple of games and healing or taking a needle and playing, I took the needle. In Washington I played with future Hall of Fame defensemen Scott Stevens, Rod Langway, and Larry Murphy. If they got hurt, they sat out a few games. If I sat out, Kevin Hatcher was waiting to take my spot. I knew how good he was, and I just couldn't give them an excuse to take me out of the lineup."

In 1989 Shand couldn't stomach another summer of gut-wrenching conditioning sessions and hung up his skates. Although his hockey paychecks stopped coming in years ago—at his peak he made about \$100,000 a year—Shand's body is still paying the price: "Cortisone shots corrode your joints," Shand says. "So now I'm 48 and I have to have two hip replacements in the next two years. And I don't think I'm done, either."

Shand describes his hips as a "nonstop toothache. You feel it all the time, but there's nothing you can do about it." He takes three Vicodins each night before bed, lies on his side with a heating pad on his right hip and three pillows between his legs, and still only manages three or four hours of sleep most nights. (As for sex, Shand says, "Like most former players, you have no choice: You're on the bottom, and you hope your wife's enthusiastic.") When he wakes up he takes a high-strength ibuprofen and a Vioxx (now conveniently recalled) to ease the pain and swelling, then uses a 9-iron as a cane to go down the stairs.

Through all the pain, Shand's maintained an unshakable sense of humor: "I went to the wedding of another old player's kid, and it was hilarious. Some guys hobble left, some hobble right, some less, some more—but we all hobble. But if that's the price you pay for the joy of playing the game, I don't mind paying it." ▶

ABUSE METER



■ Even a routine football collision is akin to running full speed into a wall. For many players that type of collision happens every play, meaning running into 60 walls per game.



■ A 95 mph fastball takes .39 seconds to get from Randy Johnson's hand to your head, meaning you have .2 seconds to decide to swing or duck before your eye socket is crushed. Unfortunately, it takes .3 seconds to blink.

AGONY OF VICTORY

WILLING AND DISABLED

These guys came to play even when all their limbs didn't.

MORDECAI "THREE FINGER" BROWN

He should have been called "Two Finger" Brown, because that's how many digits were still intact on his pitching hand. He lost half his index finger in a corn shredder, then broke two more (which healed twisted) while chasing a hog. But he threw an incredible curve by spinning the ball off his stub and made the Hall of Fame.



Remember hockey?

his left leg. Then he became a great one. He went on to win 53 major races two years in a row and earned the prestigious racing title "King Doodlebug." Ah, to be royalty!

WILLIE O'REE

As if being the NHL's first black player was not tough enough, O'Ree did it with one working eye. Hit with a puck in the right peeper, he endured not only racist opponents but

constant checking due to his massive blind spot.

JIM ABBOTT

The only man to throw a no-hitter one-handed. Born with a stub for a right hand, Abbott rested his glove on the stub while he pitched, quickly switched it to his left hand to field, then removed the glove again to throw.

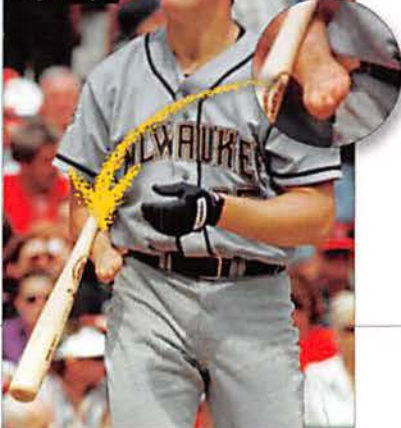
TOM DEMPSEY

Born without a right hand and no toes on his kicking foot, Tom decided to become a kicker in the NFL. Using a special shoe, he booted a 63-yard field goal, the longest in history.

BILL SCHINDLER

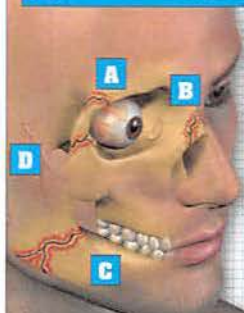
He was a good racecar driver until an accident cost him

"Yeah, 'a hand for Jim Abbott.' Very funny."



Now at quarterback for the Dolphins...

DAVE'S SKULL



A. His orbital bone was shattered.

B. His nose was broken six times.

C. Jaw broken twice.

D. 250 total stitches (plus about eight concussions.)

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8. ERNIE BANKS

Hall of Fame shortstop and first baseman, Chicago Cubs ('53-'71).

Imagine the cartilage between your femur and tibia gone, leaving nothing to cushion your bones from grinding against each other every time you bend your knees. Imagine walking with that pain. Imagine running. Now imagine playing 2,528 games without making a peep.

"A writer said I was a 30-year-old athlete with 70-year-old knees," says Ernie Banks, a.k.a. Mr. Cub. When it comes to career-ending hits, baseball can't compare to hockey or football. But its ability to erode a player's body through its 162-game meat grinder is unique. The rigors of playing nearly every game (he missed just 15 in his first seven full seasons) took its toll. Banks regularly had a doctor drain his swollen knees, then went out and played shortstop. "It's a mental thing," he says. "I told myself, *There's nothing hurt. I'm fine. I can go out and play.*"

'Some writer said I was a 30-year-old athlete with 70-year-old knees.'

But injuries and osteoarthritis diminished his range, forcing Banks to switch to first base in 1962. After hitting 40-plus home runs five times in his first seven full seasons, he failed to top 40 even once in his last 11. Banks plays down the pain but admits, "It got real bad toward the end." When he belted his 500th homer in 1970, Mr. "Let's play two" limped around the bases.

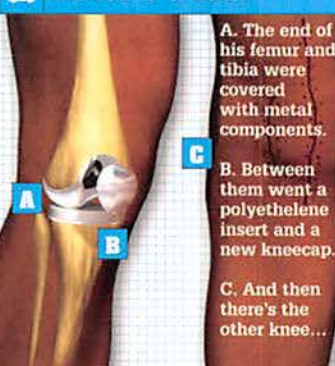
It got worse in retirement. He'd ice his knees every night, but simple tasks like getting out of bed took several minutes of delicate movement. "I used to see stairs and just go, *God, ow,*" says Banks. Running, jumping, or playing ball with his kids was out of the question. "I kept saying, *I'm gonna be fine; I'm gonna fight it off.*" He finally gave in last November, trading his old busted knees for artificial rotating-platform knees to put that bone crunching to an end.

At the age of 73, Ernie Banks finally has the knees of a 30-year-old. 



If only they had thought of this 51 years ago

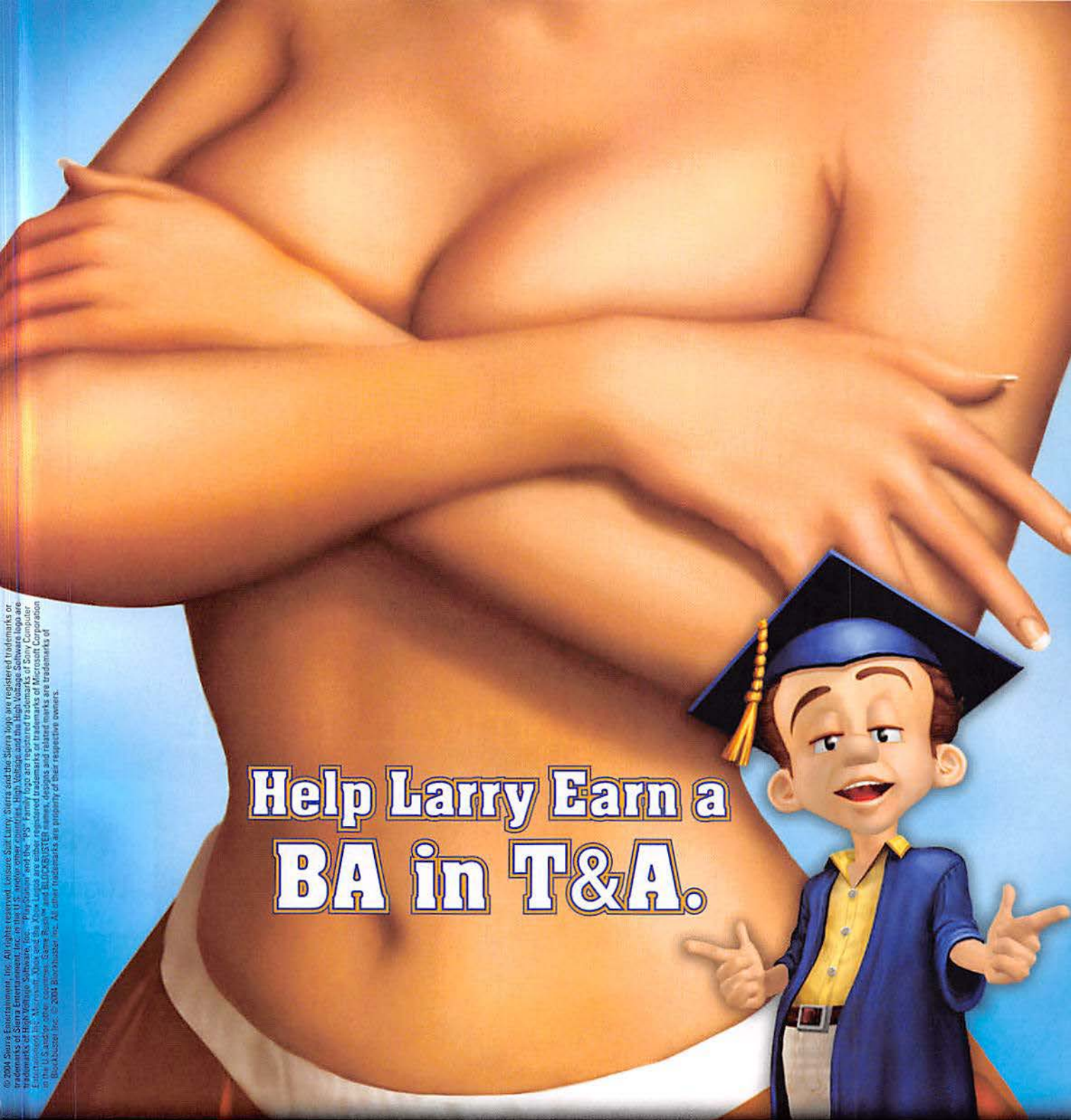
ERNIE'S KNEES



A. The end of his femur and tibia were covered with metal components.

B. Between them went a polyethylene insert and a new kneecap.

C. And then there's the other knee...



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> BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

#5 AMBER

Who do we appreciate? This sexy pompom girl.

This 23-year-old Washingtonian is beautiful, athletic, and perky, which you probably already know if you've caught one of her big-screen performances. No, not at the movies—on the Jumbotron at Seattle's Qwest Field, where she cheered on the Seahawks for five years. "The best

things about Seattle are the coffee, the Space Needle, the Seahawks, and Dick's—a hamburger chain where you go at 2 A.M.," Amber says proudly. If that hometown charm rallies bleachers of football fans, imagine what it does to men who meet her up close. For one date her sexy smile inspired some ill-advised song-writing. "I noticed a file called 'Amber' on the computer at his place," she recalls. "My initials are A.L.L., and

the lyrics were, 'You're all I ever wanted.' I was so embarrassed I had to leave!" Too bad for him—but lucky for us she wound up here, the first in our roundup of national treasures.

Fair fun: "One year I won one of those huge bears playing the bottle game. No one ever wins it!"

Dirty secret: "I once made out inside a hay bale."

'Making a woman happy comes down to one word: foreplay.'



'I'd love to have X-ray vision. I wouldn't use it on people, but to see into their pockets.'

> SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

#4 STACIE

A talented Texan with a twist.

When a pretty girl says she has a goofy personality, it usually just means she burps now and then, but not Stacie. We were instant fans of the tall, gregarious sports nut, just like the masses who tune in to her ESPN radio talk show. So how does this knockout of a tomboy unwind? In typical guy's-girl fashion, of course: "I love margaritas!" she gleefully shares. "There's a great bar in San Antonio that makes them with 75 percent Everclear." Sound like a fun date? More than you think. When we ask her for embarrassing dating

memories, Stacie draws a blank. "Golly," she squeals (she's definitely Texan), "I've probably tripped and fallen on my ass, but I don't get embarrassed. I just laugh." Hmm, we'll chalk that up to the margaritas. **Fair fun:** "I was always petrified of rides. I thought they were made of duct tape and wire." **Dirty secret:** "Humor's important in bed. If you can laugh when you're doing it, that's great."

> FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

#3 URSULA

A free spirit with a tough side.

Born in Seoul, this beauty has lived in Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, and Puerto Rico, and in college studied subjects from photography to massage. And she's hardly sitting still now. "I live near D.C., which is beautiful," says Ursula. "The history and architecture are amazing. But my dream is to live on a beach one day." Until she goes coastal, she keeps her brain busy going to museums and reading five books at a time. Then there's the boldness that comes from having five brothers—a love of bourbon, aggro sports like hockey,

and movies like *Kill Bill*, plus a straightforward nature: "People are surprised that I have a daughter," she confides. "My friends all say I'm the ultimate MILF." **Fair fun:** "Every year my brothers and I would freak about the haunted house, then come out and make fun of each other for being scared." **Dirty secret:** "In the film *The Lover*, a man slowly reaches out his hand to a French girl. He almost orgasms from touching her. I love that scene's passion."

'I'm not someone who likes guys going down on me. I just don't.'



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TUCSON, ARIZONA

#2

MARTINA

Too hot, even for a desert state.

Every group of women has a bad girl, but in this case there's legal documentation. "I've gone to jail," volunteers Martina. "I had some ticket I didn't go to court for and they arrested me on a bench warrant." Though her body is criminally curvy, this Portuguese, Dutch, German, and British bombshell is edgy too. Part wild child, part sweetheart, she's a hard-partying, heard-it-all-before Hooters girl, but says the best pickup line she's ever heard was when a little boy handed her a sugar packet and said, "You dropped your name tag." And although she's deathly afraid of sharks, she has two as pets. And this wild child has an instinctual eye for natural beauty. "You'll never see sunsets like the ones in Arizona,"

she marvels. Not to mention, ahem, other vistas of blazing-hot scenery.

Fair fun: "When I was young, my mom bribed a guy to let my sister and me on a roller coaster. My sister screamed the entire time and hasn't been on a ride since. I love them."

Dirty secret: "I've kissed girls. I think every girl has. You're drunk, then the next day you say to your friend, 'I don't remember anything from last night, do you?'" and she's like, "No, of course not! And let's just keep it that way!"

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#1 BRITTANY

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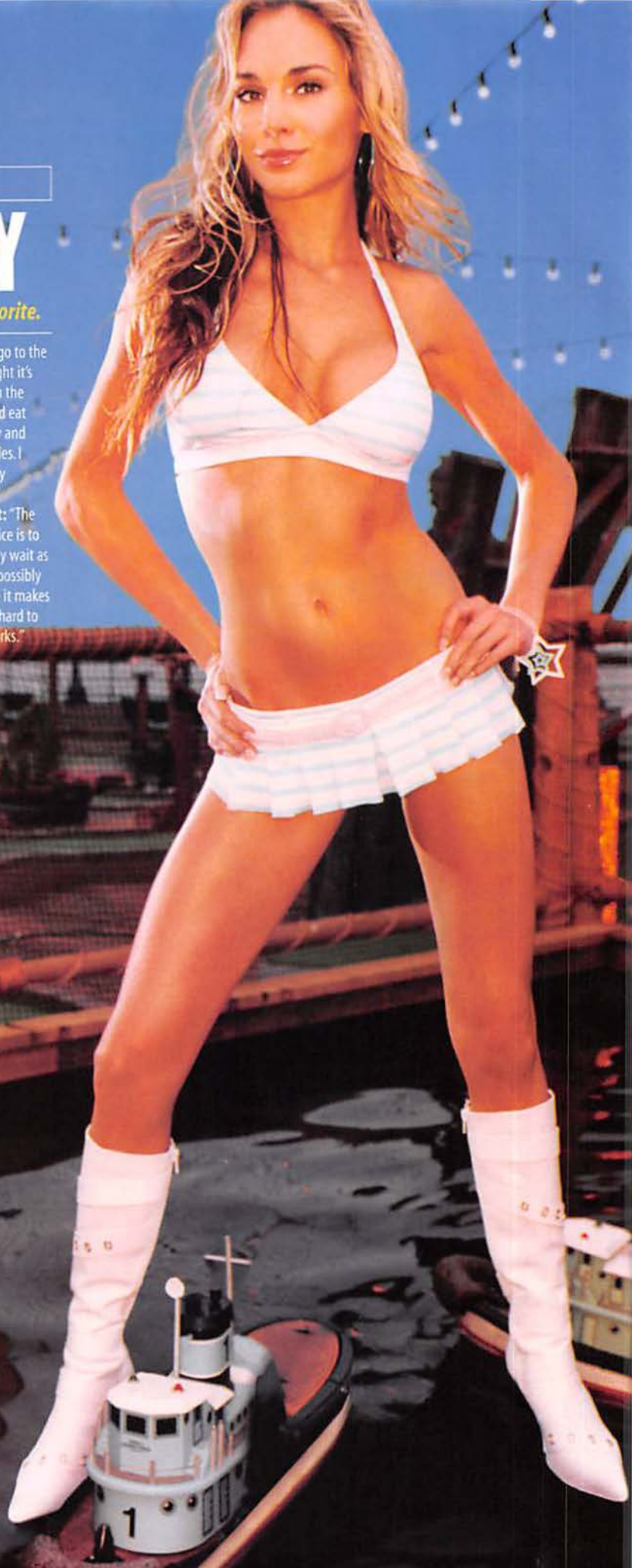
The thousands of fans who voted Brittany our top Hometown Hottie are understandably appreciative of the Southern fashion student's knockout body, but she also attracts with her high-energy personality. "I was born and raised in Georgia. I have a cowboy hat and love country music," she drawls. "I'm a Southern belle to the core—I was even a debutante." After all, she has named her pet gerbils Sugar and Princess, designed ball gowns,

and attended private schools. But the white-glove picture in your head is only accurate to a point. Like all good children of privilege, Brittany's got a wild streak longer than those killer legs of hers. From her pit bull to her taste for tequila shots, this 22-year-old knows how to party in a way that would make blue-bloods turn crimson. "Midtown is the place to go in Atlanta," she explains. "I'll start with dinner and drinks at a restaurant, then go out to one of the millions of parties or bars. Then it's one club after another until about 10:30 in the morning—until I can't take it anymore."

Fair fun: "I go to the fair every night it's there. I go on the Gravitron and eat cotton candy and candied apples. I get sick every single time."

Dirty secret: "The best sex advice is to make the guy wait as long as you possibly can, because it makes it better. It's hard to do, but it works."

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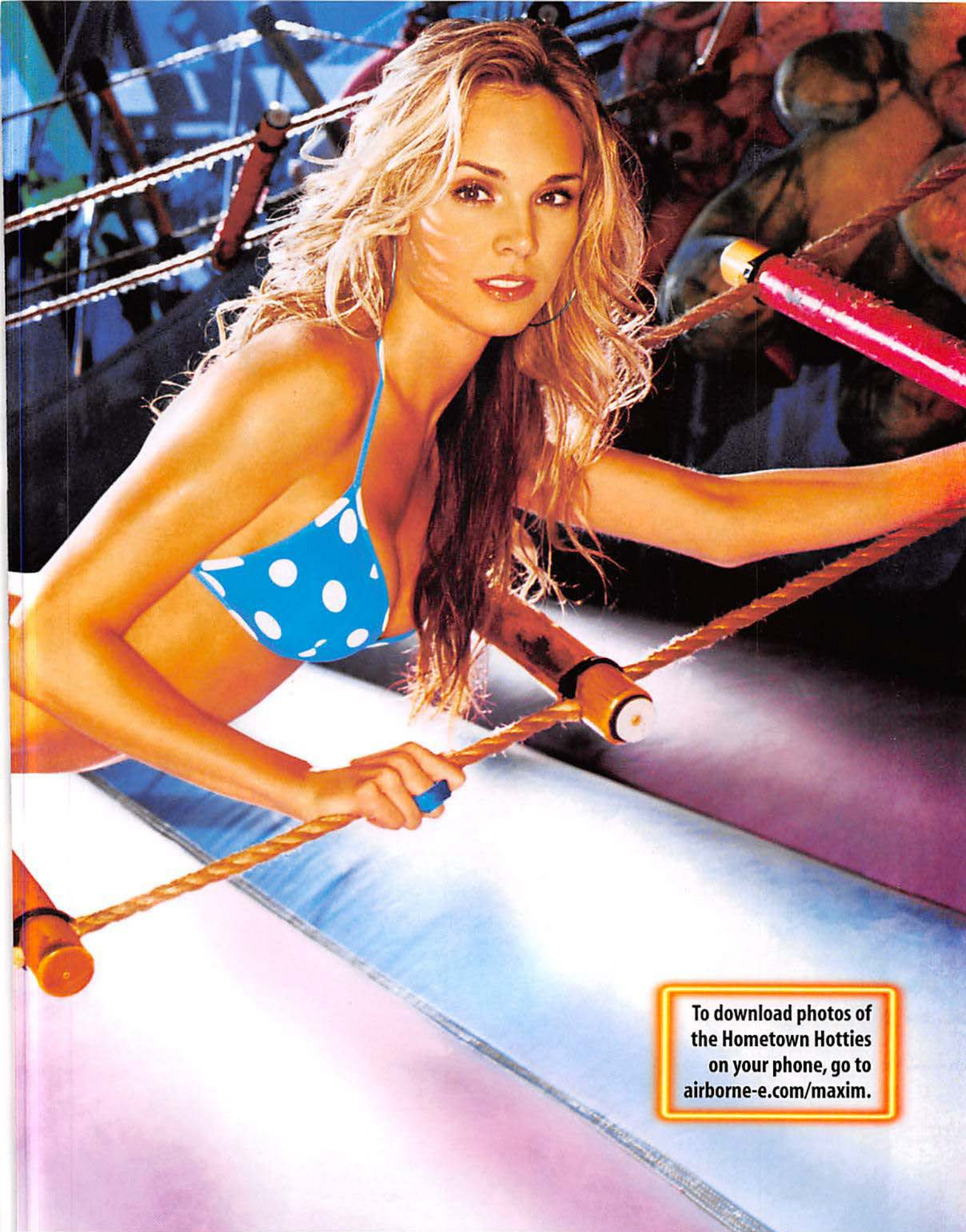
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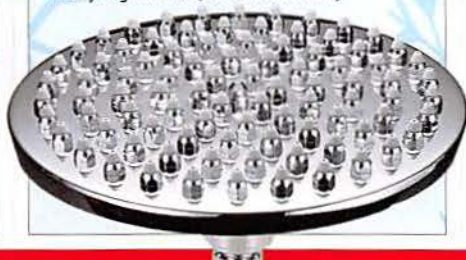
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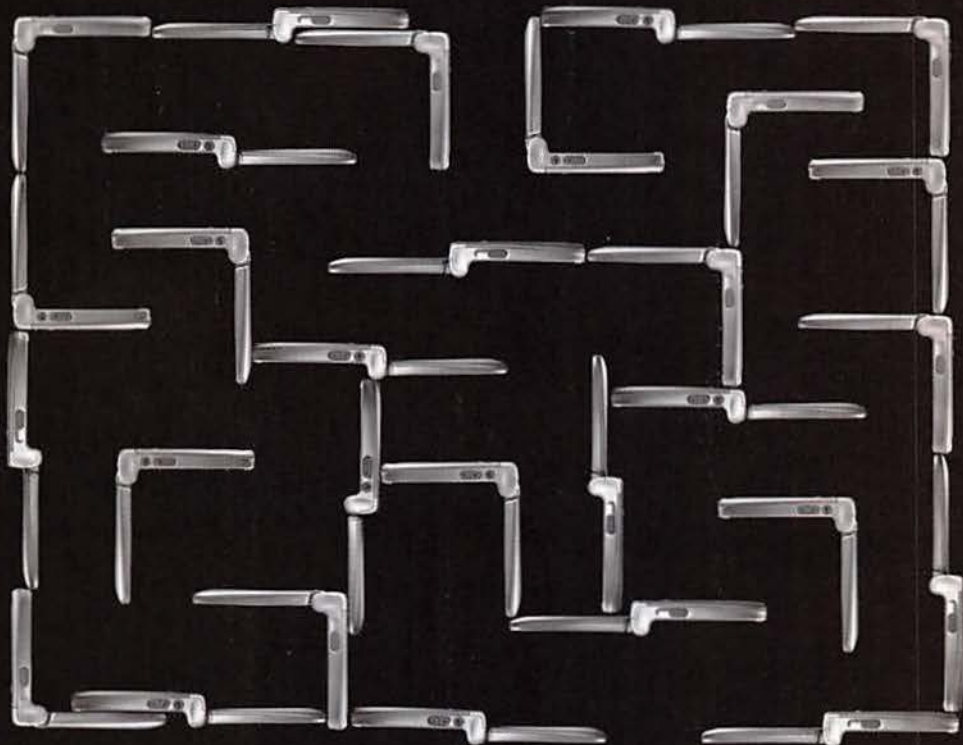


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Oh, the weather outside is frightful, and shouldn't Mom know that? With Oregon Scientific's weather forecaster clock, Mom will never have to guess what Old Man Winter, or even Young Man, um, Summer has in store. It uses a wireless sensor to determine temperature, barometric pressure, and humidity, then translates it all into a neat little graphic display. (oregonscientific.com)



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*The phone shown is available exclusively at Cingular

SEASON'S BEATINGS

PROCRASTINATION STATION

It was too much effort for you to get off the couch. Now see if you can point and click your way out of the doghouse.

SPAS OUT Ever since you learned the hard way what spas do with that hot wax, you've stayed the hell away. Reconcile your healthy fear with your girlfriend's penchant for seaweed wraps: Get a Spa Finder gift certificate that's good for all sorts of girly treatments at 1,500 spas nationwide. Next-day delivery is available, or for the real last-minute shopper, have a notification e-mail sent instantly. (spafinder.com)

PLASTIC, NOT PAPER Cash says you forgot. The Best Present MasterCard Gift Card says you courteously thought ahead to get plastic cash. This sucker can be used anywhere MasterCard is accepted, and delivery is five to seven business days. It also means you don't have to figure out what to get people, because that takes energy, which should be spent playing Halo 2. (thegiftcard.com)

UDDER LOVE Now that Mom's family meals are all "low-fat" and "healthy," your poor dad is starving to death. Help the man who drunkenly created you regain his once-proud waistline with beef-and-cheese gift boxes from Hickory Farms. You can get Christmas delivery on delicious combinations of smoked sausages, jerky, and cheeses if you order by December 23. (hickoryfarms.com)

PROMISED LAND Dude, it's Christmas already. You're swapping gifts with your girlfriend in an hour. Except you don't have anything to swap, so cut out the picture below and place it in a wrapped box with a pretty bow. You can instantly reap the benefits when you tell her it's a photo of where you're taking her on vacation! Just be sure to dump her before you have to follow through. —Jane Dryer



BARREL OF FUN \$1,599

Canon's EOS 20D 8.2-megapixel SLR camera creates the crispest, sharpest, most cutting-edge images out there—it'll eat your dad's old digital point-and-shoot and spit out its teeth. Optional lenses will give him as much control as the best pro old-school cameras, so he can stop that "back in my day" bullshit. (canon.com)

THE OLD MAN

Get Dad the holiday swag that'll help him forget you're his son.



SHIP OF TOOLS

\$435

This limited-edition 34-piece Ferrari tool set is the ultimate audiophile fantasy: fancy pliers, wrenches, and sockets galore. (ultimategarage.com)

SOUND, NO FURY \$475

Thundering 5.1 surround sound in a box, affordable and ready to go, the Pioneer HTD-540DV will keep the old man in the basement, enjoying modern hi-fi. (pioneerlectronics.com)



POWER GAMES \$419

It's the Swiss Army knife of power tools, encased in one fearsome workbench: table saw, router, drill press, flatbed sander, scroll saw, even a table to shred stuff. Skil's X-Shop is everything your tool-obsessed dad needs. (skil.com)



PERFECT COMBO

Japan's legendary gourmet beef is massaged in sake. (\$50, uptownprime.com) This upscale 27-year-old scotch is a damn Xmas miracle. (\$240, dewars.com)





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G-MONEY \$1,300

The new iMac is a sexy, futuristic entertainment machine so jam-packed with features we don't have room for them all: 20-inch wide-screen display. Enormous hard drive. A tiny footprint so it can sit anywhere. Just buy it. (apple.com)



DIAL "B" FOR BLING \$55-\$400

Ever held your wallet upside down out the window of a speeding car? An equivalent experience may be purchasing one of these phone covers, crafted from ridiculously extravagant Swarovski crystal rhinestones. Stone size and amount of coverage affect the cost—and don't think she's not aware of that. Sure, it's pricey, but guaranteed sex isn't cheap. Especially for a hunchback. (modphone.com)



LOVE SACKS \$88-\$268

These supertrendy handbags by Coach are like relationship Valium. Snag her the eyelet wristlet, the Soho herringbone wristlet, or the Soho signature studded clutch and hear all that infernal yapping cease. (coach.com)



SEXY TRIMMINGS \$115

Oy, but if these knocker wrappers don't jingle our bells. Har-har! But seriously, this classy two-piece holiday treat from Trashy Lingerie is a gift that she'll feel sexy in, and it also pays for itself because she's wearing it for you, Romeo. Or your brother. Or Lando, the video store guy. (trashylingerie.com)



POCKET JUKEBOX \$249

She'll swoon every time she hears "your" song on iRiver's itty-bitty IFP 1 GB MP3 player. Its slick design, 40 hours of battery life, and memory to hold 34 hours of music make it perfect for listening to sappy songs—on her headphones. (iriver.com)



GLITTER PUSS \$325

Face it: You're a little "charm challenged." Instead of improving yourself, buy her this sterling silver charm bracelet from Tiffany's. Girls like shiny. (tiffany.com)



JUST DESSERTS

Wine snobs rate Museum Muscat as one of the best and...cheapest. (\$15, yalumba.com) Alba's Red Raspberry tastes like a yummy jar of jam with bite. (\$12, albavineyard.com)



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WHEELS OF FURY

It's the perfect gift for that up-and-coming two-wheeler. The Schwinn Sting-Ray 20 Street Series features a cool chopper-style design. (\$180, schwinnstingray.com) Then pimp Junior's ride with dope rims! (\$100, deuce-usa.com)



SITH HELMET

\$30 It's quite possibly the coolest Star Wars toy ever: The Darth Vader Voice Changer mask helps you sound like the intimidating Dark Lord of Verizon himself. The cool voice modulator makes your nephew's "Luke, I am your father" sound asthmatic and full of bass instead of squeaky and full of flowers. (hasbro.com)

TURBO BOUNCE \$300

There just aren't enough ways for kids to maim themselves. Introducing the Flybar, which takes the pogo stick and pumps it full of steroids. Using giant rubber bands like the ones used to create tension on exercise machines, the Flybar can launch a tyke up to five feet in the air. Extreme sports nimrods are already perfecting new compound fractures. (flybar.com)



PORT-O-PARTY \$150

The future of portable gaming has arrived, and the first out of the gate is the Nintendo DS. With a touch-screen interface, voice recognition, and wireless communication capabilities, this handheld sets a new standard for video game interaction, allowing you to do everything shy of giving Princess Toadstool a Dirty Sanchez. But we have hackers working on that. (nintendo.com)

TERMINATOR JUNIOR \$100

The brat will love this robot sibling. The Robosapien's 67 preprogrammed functions include dancing, picking up objects, and belching—like a *Maxim* editor, only smarter. (robosapienonline.com)



SEASON'S BEATINGS

GIVE TILL IT HURTS

Don't forget these important people in your life—they deserve a little something, too.

PEOPLE YOU HATE

This holiday, make sure the people you secretly fantasize about murdering have something to remember you by—like a cleverly hidden mackerel. Stash it under a desk, a car seat, or a toddler. The mysterious stench of rotten ocean will be a gift that keeps on giving.

CELEBRITIES

Dear Lindsay Lohan: I love you so much. You probably don't even know who I am. You walked by me once, but I was wearing a papier-mâché mailbox and you didn't notice me. Anyway, Merry Christmas! I thought you might like this toenail bouquet. I grew it myself!

ILLEGITIMATE SON

Buy your "sin larvae" something the cute little welfare drain can appreciate—a DNA paternity test. Junior will benefit for years knowing his real daddy cared enough to send him the very best paternity test money could buy... though not enough to actually take it.

EX-GIRLFRIEND

You didn't know her mouth was like a public toilet plunger, and nothing bridges the chasm separating two former lovers like oral herpes. Remind her how your lives are ruined by sending her a tube of salve and wax lips for that next unsightly flareup.

YOUR LITTLE BROTHER

Here are the gifts that'll distract your bro long enough for you to hit on his girlfriend.



BLUE CHIPS

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In poker, any edge counts. So help your bro show his buddies he's not fooling around with a set of high-end, personalized custom poker chips. They'll sweat bullets as they gamble away their college loans tossing chips that read **YOU WILL LOSE** into the pot. (gamblersgeneralstore.com)



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\$3,697

Your bro needs this bitchin' ax from Stratocaster's Guitar Time Machine Series, classic '60s electric git fiddles. He can't be a successful homeless musician without one. (fender.com)



WHITE AS SNOW \$21

The University of Northern Colorado's intramural Native American basketball team decided to get back at generations of Redskins, Chiefs, and Braves by proclaiming themselves the Fightin' Whites! Buy a shirt and stick it to paleface, paleface. (cafepress.com/fightinwhite)



PURE EVIL \$60,000

The F124 Hellcat will turn your bro from donut ass to badass. The custom-built engine has over 130 rear-wheel horsepower, and an ultrarigid chassis makes it handle like a chopper. (confederate.com)



STICKY FLICK

Plasma TVs are obsolete; buy your brother a great projector instead. (\$999, benq.com) Then use Goo Systems special paint so he can slather a movie screen anywhere. Once he hooks up the projector, he can shotgun porn on any wall he wants. (\$99, goosystems.com)



BOSS AND COWORKERS

Because you spend more time rotting in a cube with them than with your family.



WE HAD GAME \$25

Before ADD, kids played video games for hours that consisted of bouncing balls. Your coworkers can revisit the excitement with Jakks classic Atari paddles. Plug 'em into the TV and select one of 13 old-school games like *Pong* or *Night Driver*. Ritalin not included. (jakkstvgames.com)

PHONING IT IN \$350

Traveling overseas for work is a bitch, especially for a talentless executive whose damn phone never works. Get him Samsung's SCH-a790 global phone—the first cell to combine both CDMA and GSM technologies, which means maximum access to airwaves, no matter where he is. Now he'll travel all the time. Hooray! (samsungusa.com)



THE KING \$12

You know that cube troll whose desk is covered in annoying knickknacks, superhero action figures, and other decorations that suggest nonconformity? Yeah, we hate him, too. So get him something cool—and figurines don't come any cooler than a pre-barbiturate-OD Elvis. The man made tassels and rhinestones work. (mcfarlane.com)

GRAPE EXPECTATIONS

Get your boss a wine that tastes rich but costs peanuts. Toasted Head Cabernet is smooth and frugal. (\$17, toastedhead.com) Geyser Peak's Block Collection Cabernet's a bit pricey, but tastier than wines twice its price. (\$35, geyserpeakwinery.com)



JEWS FOR JESUS \$17

Buy your office zealot the *South Park: The Passion of the Jew* DVD, the hilarious parody of Mad Max's gory Jesus epic. (comedycentral.com)



When children stop loving their toys, we die.



PAINT THE TOWN \$295

Great for pegging Christmas carolers and sniping reindeer, the CO₂-powered Piranha paint pistol is the perfect gift for those who feel like shooting but don't feel like all the unsavory side effects of homicide. This pain-inducing paintbrush shoots an astounding 12 paintballs a second. (buypmi.com)

CAN O' GUTS \$8

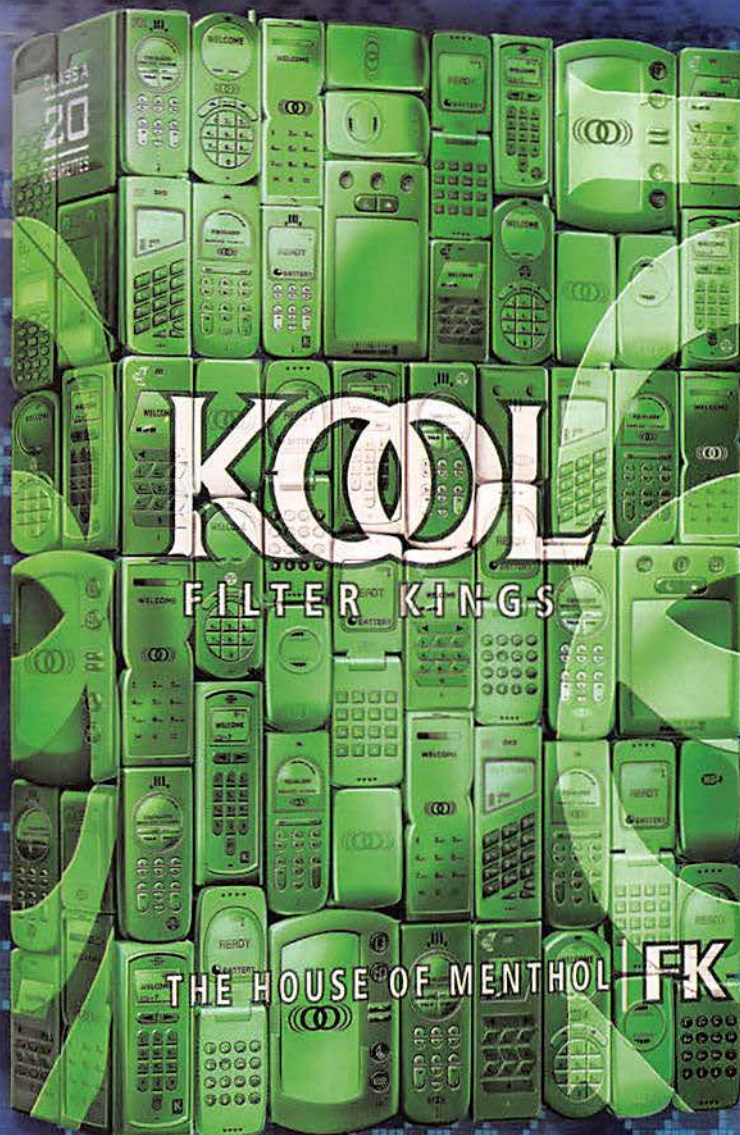
Nothing says "I love you, boss" like a can of haggis, the Scottish delicacy that's livers, lungs, and secrets in a sheep tummy. (caledoniankitchen.com)



CUBICLE WARFARE \$15

Playing mini-laser tag at the office can reduce stress, right? Tiny Tag's two-inch battery-powered devices can fire up to 50 feet away, and if you're hit seven times the little suckers call you a loser. It's better than bringing a TEC9 to work and lighting up HR. Sort of. (stupid.com)

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Imagine how much more fun the local park bum will have dancing to actual music from his new satellite radio. You can smugly stroll away knowing you've soothed his soul. Bless you, Father Christmas. (Satellite radio subscription service not included.)

**SILK PILLOWCASES**

If there's anything a soft, fluffy pillow needs, it's an equally luxurious silk pillowcase. Your homeless friend will go positively gaga

over one of these, turning bales of wet newspaper into delightful dreamland as he huddles for warmth in the rain. He'll thank you and kiss your feet, and while you'll feel like a king or an emperor, remember that, at the end of the day, you're just a saintlike mortal.

**PLATINUM CORNCOB HOLDERS**

It's the little details that make the difference. Platinum corncob holders are the dash of class that'll turn a rustic "home-cooked" meal into something truly magical. Imagine the glee when a starving street person, cradling cold, half-eaten corncobs from the local KFC trash bin, sticks these glittering corncob holders into his desperate meal. *Bon appétit!*

**CEILING FAN**

There's nothing like the soft hum and gentle breeze produced by a simple high-end fan. Purchasing your local vagrant a ceiling fan will help him beat the oppressive summer heat... once he finally gets a ceiling. If nothing else, it will give him something to strive for—to give up the crack or the retardation and get to work! And that's worth more than simple human dignity.

**PEEKABOO \$649**

The squeals of joy will resound throughout the neighborhood once Uncle Walter fixes ATN Cougar's state-of-the-art night-vision goggles onto his noggin. He can finally troll the woods behind the parish rectory, smiting those "nipple goblins" with his magical golf club, "Excalibur." It's also great for peeing in the dark!

(atncorp.com)

UNCLE WALTER

Here's what to buy that misunderstood stranger who claims he's your "uncle."

**EL MASK-O \$20**

He'll love these "luchador" wrestling masks, especially when he's chasing you wearing nothing but a sock. (wrestlewarehouse.com)

MEAT TUBING

\$399

Oktoberfest can be year-round with the Sausage of the Month Club. Uncle Walter will swoon, rolling around on a couch covered in juicy meat balloons. (nvo.com/soupy/sotmclub)

**ROLL CAMERA \$1,199**

JVC's tiny Everio is a hybrid DVD-quality camcorder and camera. But the best part? Its vertical design has a removable 4 GB microdrive that stores over an hour of footage, so no tape's necessary. That's right, an hour's worth of Uncle Walter showing how he's triple-jointed. (jvc.com)

**TOMB WITH A VIEW**

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Imagine Uncle Walter snuggling into his own custom-made coffin bed. Casket Furniture will handcraft custom sleepers, like this one made of Fiddleback Anigre and Black Walnut. He'll rest in peace. (casketfurniture.com)



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(clockwise from left) Chiffre Rouge watch, \$10,300, by Dior Watches. Artelier chronograph, \$2,475, by Oris. Link Automatic chronograph, \$2,495, by TAG Heuer. Snap gloves, \$55, by A1X Armani Exchange.



(from left) Asfalto chevron cashmere coat, \$3,350. Elephante Marianne V-neck sweater, \$960. Blu Farfalla place shirt, \$410. Asfalto herringbone pants, \$690, and Cammello Hunting suede boots, \$830, all by Bottega Veneta.

Briseide jacket, \$1,400. Poseidon turtleneck, \$400. Strain Pocket trousers, \$320, and striped scarf, \$430, all by Etro; Cavalry boots, \$210, by the Frye Company.

Scottish tweed duffle coat, \$850, by Normandy & Monroe; cable-stitched sweater, \$98, by Eddie Bauer; flat-front trousers, \$175, by Joseph Abboud; wool narrow-striped scarf, \$125, by Boss Hugo Boss; Campus boots, \$225, by the Frye Company.

Cotton corduroy overcoat, \$350, leather moto jacket, \$595, polka-dot dress shirt, \$125, and cotton striped dress pants, \$175, all by H Hilfiger; hand-knit cable scarf, \$50, by Nautica Jeans Company; Cavalry boots, \$210, by the Frye Company.

Washed wool plaid coat, \$1,595, wool waffle-hooded pullover, \$245, button-front shirt, \$295, wool pants, \$395, and perforated zip boots, \$498, all by John Varvatos.



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(from left) Sanded flight jacket, \$130, and chandan cargo pants, \$60, both by Nautica Jeans Company; Erik sweater, \$295, by Victorinox by Swiss Army Brands; Falls Boutique sweater, \$74, by Akademiks; Campus side-zip boots, \$205, by the Frye Company.

Weaver jacket, \$158, and reversible beanie hat, \$26, both by Ecco Unlimited; lambswool V-neck sweater, \$66, Italian Stallion shirt, \$78, and original mole-skin trousers, \$94, all by Boden; motorcycle boots, \$295, by Boss Hugo Boss.

Nylon parka with detachable fur trim, \$695, wool zip-neck sweater, \$225, ski boots, \$295, and wool broad-striped scarf, \$125, all by Boss Hugo Boss; Levinsky pants, \$125, by Victorinox by Swiss Army Brands.

Bubble jacket, \$50, by K-Mart; track jacket, \$128, and cargo pants, \$108, both by French Connection; motorcycle boots, \$295, by Boss Hugo Boss.

Type-A jacket, \$210, by Akademiks; wool turtleneck sweater, \$98, by French Connection; Redemption jeans, \$179, by Jean Paul Da'mage; scarf, \$20, by Gene Meyer; Cavalry boots, \$210, by the Frye Company.

COAT CHECK

Small grid-check snorkel parka, \$348, wool-blend hand-knit cable turtleneck sweater, \$225, and five-pocket corduroy pants, \$70, all by Michael Kors.



Styling assistance: Maria Russo and Nicole Marchese; prop styling: Lina Madi; accessories: Pabouh. Photos for article: Sam. For buying information see page 206.

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FACE OFF

The year's finest watches battle it out for horological supremacy.



(clockwise from top)

Museum Automatic watch,
\$1,095,
by Movado

700 Series GMT watch,
\$335,
by Sector

Stainless-steel chronograph,
\$95,
by Perry Ellis Time

Stainless-steel watch,
\$45,
by Armitron

V Sport chronograph,
\$450,
by Zodiac



(clockwise from top left)

25th Anniversary Polo white gold diamond-paved watch, \$75,000, by Piaget

Evidenza chronograph, \$10,000, by Longines

The General watch, \$175, by Marc Ecko

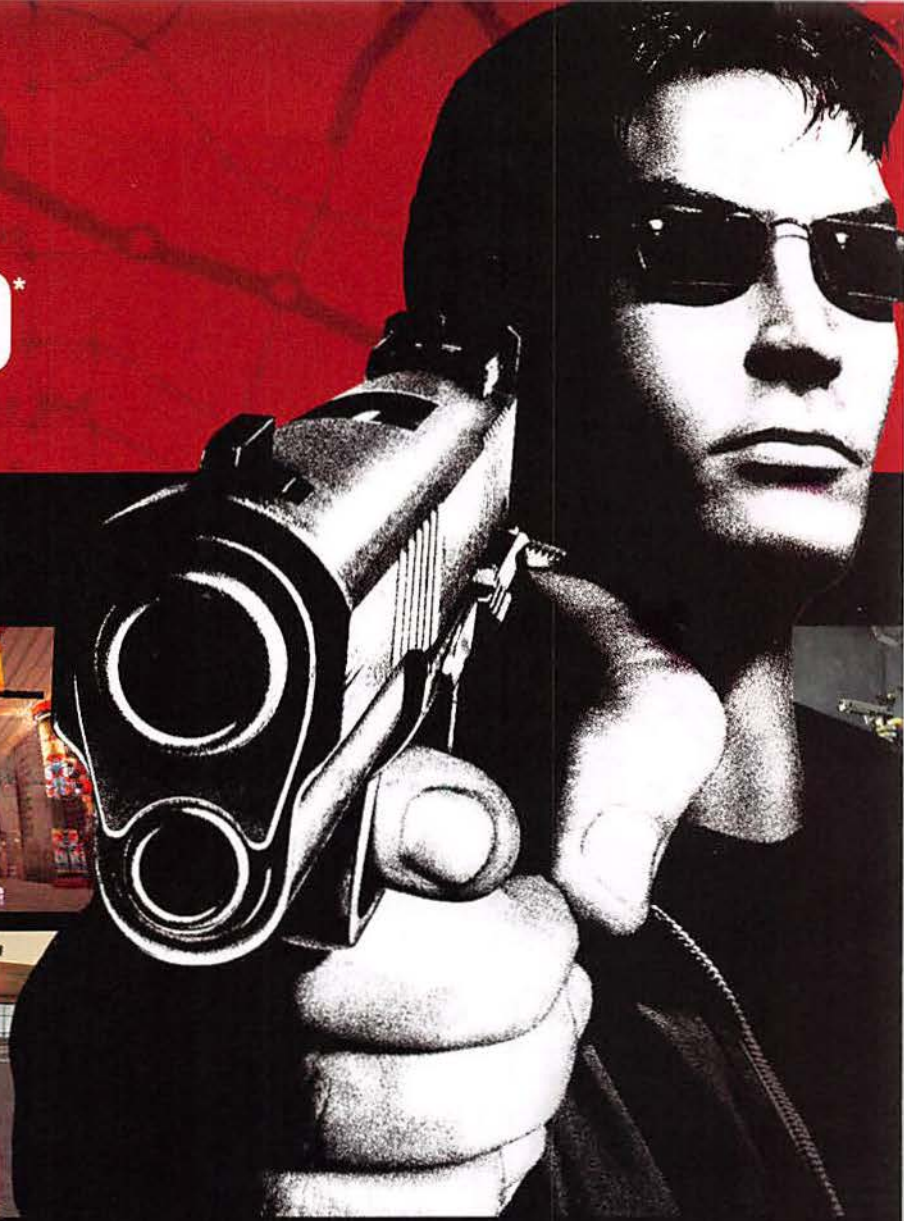
Rhinestone Waterpro watch, \$85, by Guess Watches

Stainless-steel chrono with crystals, \$105, by Fossil

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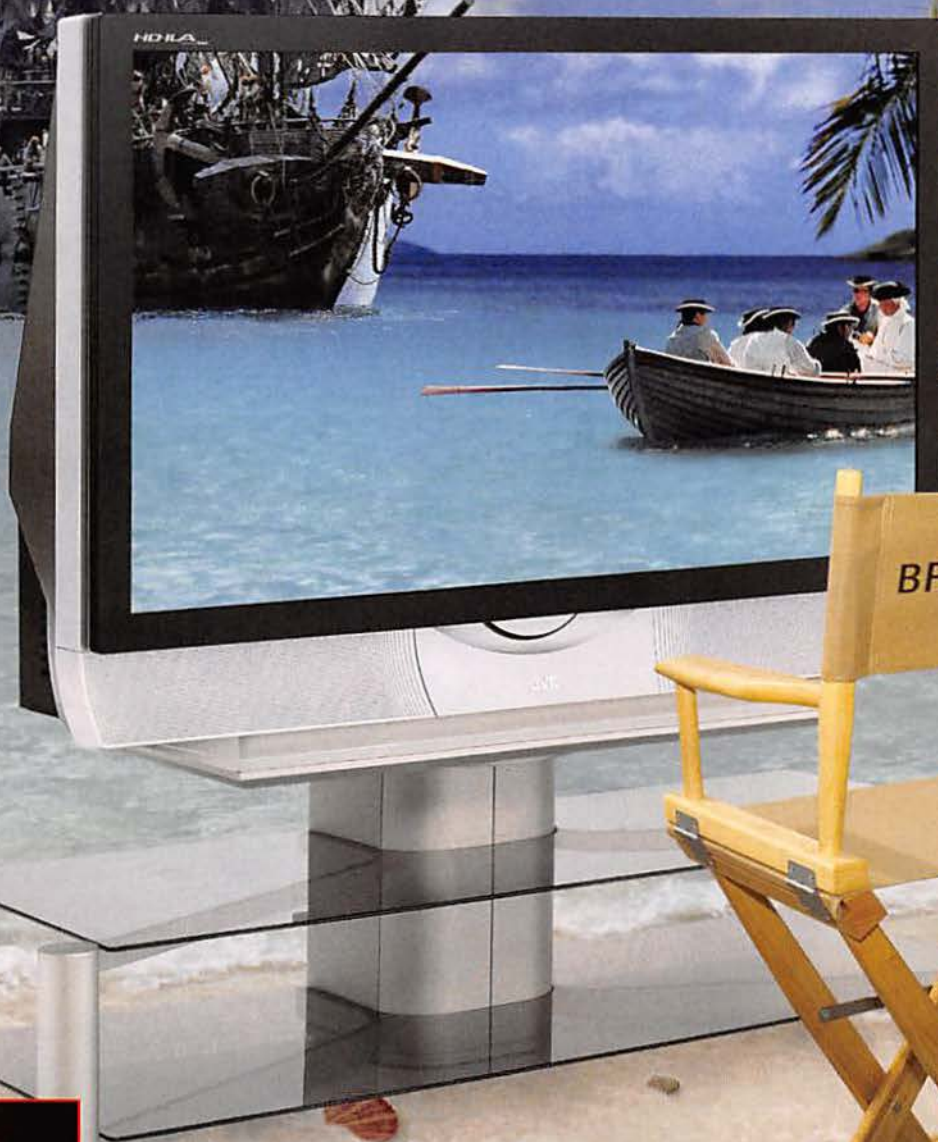
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Bubble Galuchat watch, \$6,900, by Corum	1911 Chronograph with diamonds and crocodile strap, \$12,950, by Ebel	Cabaret watch in white gold, \$62,200, by A. Lange & Söhne	Saratoga watch with alligator strap, \$6,990, by Concord	Spinner Deluxe watch, \$4,500, by Ice Tek	MW ² watch with alligator strap, \$1,295, by Michele Watches
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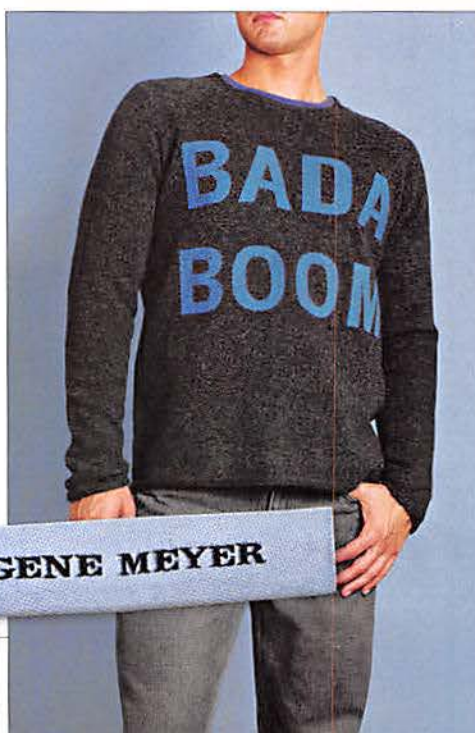
This time of year you ask yourself two questions: "How can I top last year's eggnog and sausage party?" and "Where does Santa keep the good stuff?" Look no more, 'cos we got it goin' on! This stuff's even cooler than Stephen Baldwin's career. Biz-natch!



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Is it getting bright out? Yea-a-a-a-h! These camo Zero frames by Oakley, \$125, at oakley.com, are sported by crunkster Lil Jon.

THIS MONTH'S LABEL: GENE MEYER

Go from *cafone* to *capo* with Gene Meyer's new easy-wear collection. The jeans and BADA BOOM sweater run \$50 each, exclusively at Marshall Field's. Perfect for a long ride in Paulie Walnuts' trunk.



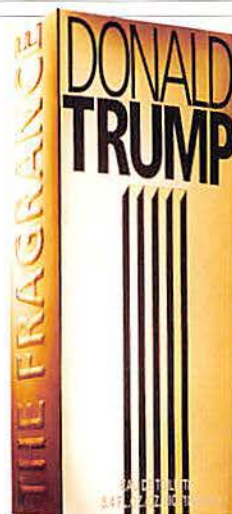
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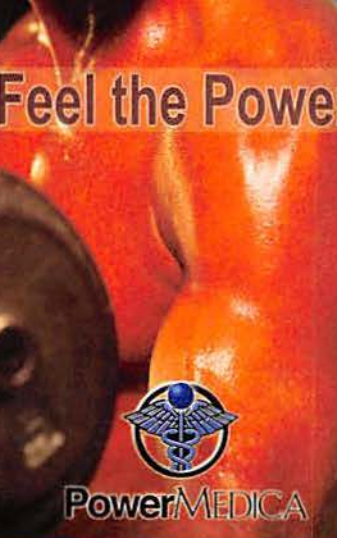
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1 After losing his party's nomination for reelection, which U.S. president said, "There's nothing left...but to get drunk"?



- ☐ a. Ulysses S. Grant
☐ b. Franklin Pierce
☐ c. The first George Bush

3. Someone stole your shoes from the gym? Why the hell would anyone want to steal your shoes?

- a. ☐ Oh, yeah, here they are.



4. Your girlie says it's no biggie if you check out other women. Why?

- a. ☐ She doesn't want to look like a nag in front of your friends.
b. ☐ She's fishing for you to say, "What? Why would I look at other women? You're beautiful!"
c. ☐ She's balling your dad and feels guilty.

5. Love is a many-splendored thing.

- a. ☐ Try telling that to my cellmate.

6 While filming *X-Men*, which of the following did Hugh Jackman do?

- a. ☐ Used approximately 700 claws as Wolverine
b. ☐ Tagged Halle Berry
c. ☐ Sang show tunes in his dressing room to ease prefilming jitters



"No, I distinctly recall ordering three."

Sadly, E.T. never quite made it home



2 What's inside the now-crashed \$164 million NASA *Genesis* capsule?

- a. ☐ Wafers of gold, silicon, sapphire, and diamond
b. ☐ Radioactive panels of platinum and Laconia
c. ☐ Creamy layers of rich milk chocolate and buttery spaceship juice

7. According to a survey by Philips, about what percentage of sorry Americans would rather watch sports on a big-screen TV than get laid?

- a. ☐ 5 percent
b. ☐ 9 percent
c. ☐ 25 percent



8. What's the best part about the office Christmas party?

- a. ☐ Seeing how miserable Doug-from-payroll's wife makes him
b. ☐ Watching the overweight intern stuff his face
c. ☐ Busting rails just one stall over from where your boss is nailing your assistant

9. The government's Project Blue Book, set up in 1952, is responsible for tracking what?

- a. ☐ Membership in leftist political organizations by public figures
b. ☐ UFO sightings
c. ☐ Illegal baseball betting

10. Which classic piece of literature was banned in 1921 for "obscene" storylines relating to bishop polishing?

- a. ☐ *Paradise Lost*
b. ☐ *Ulysses*
c. ☐ *The Great Gatsby*



11 Which holiday special would you least like to watch?

- a. ☐ *Sex in the City of Bethlehem*
b. ☐ *Gilmore Girls Gone Wild*
c. ☐ *A Very O.C. Christmas*
d. ☐ *Kwanzaa Eye for the Straight Guy*
e. ☐ *TRL: Chanukkah Classics*



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